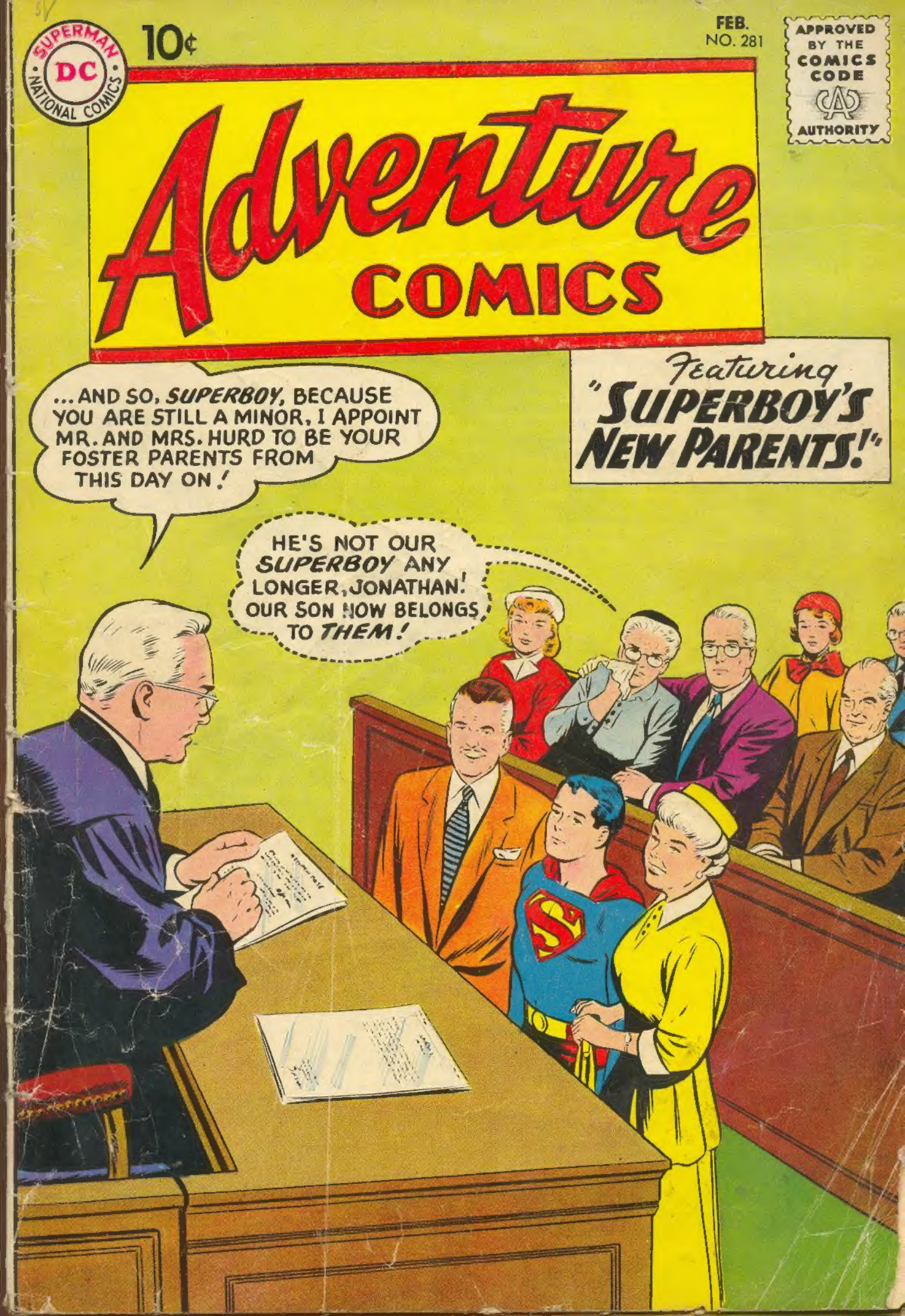
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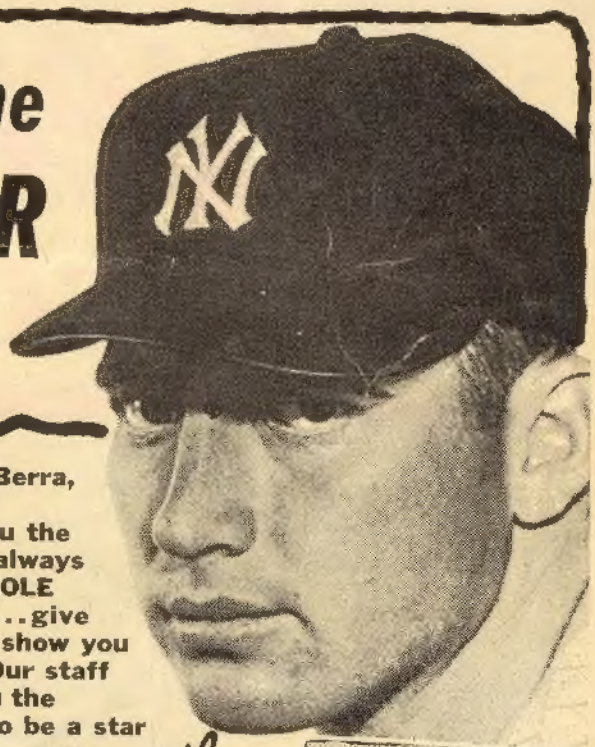

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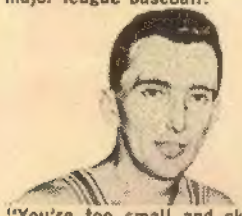

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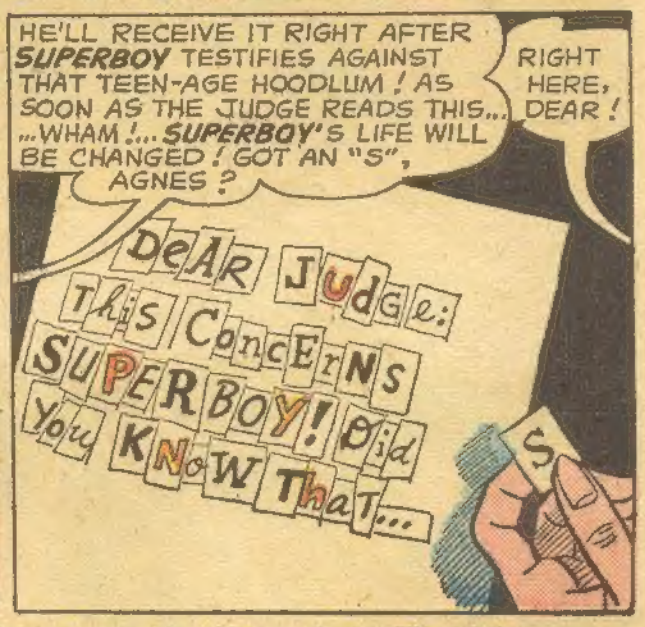

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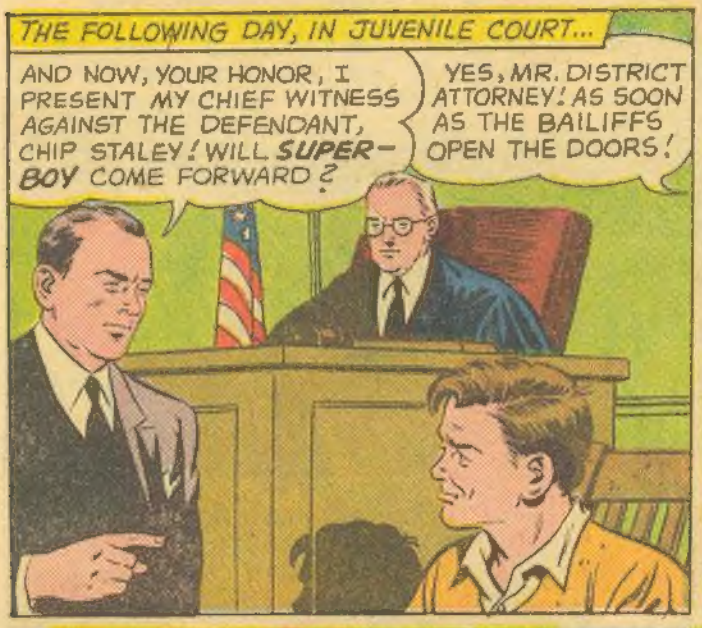
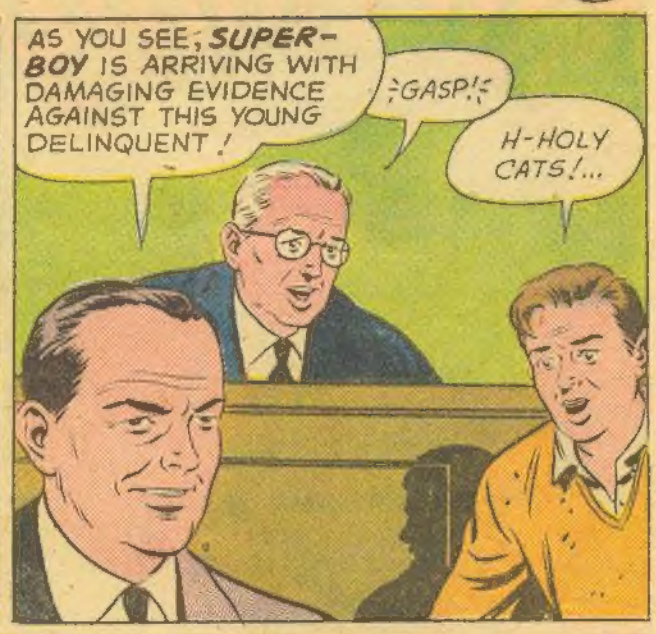
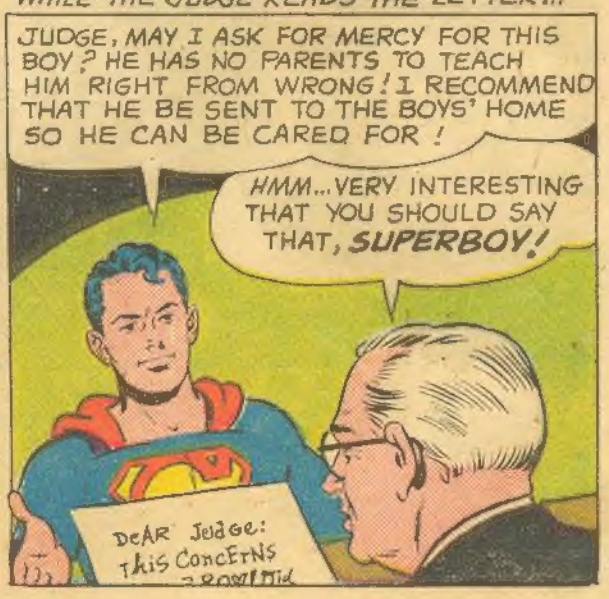
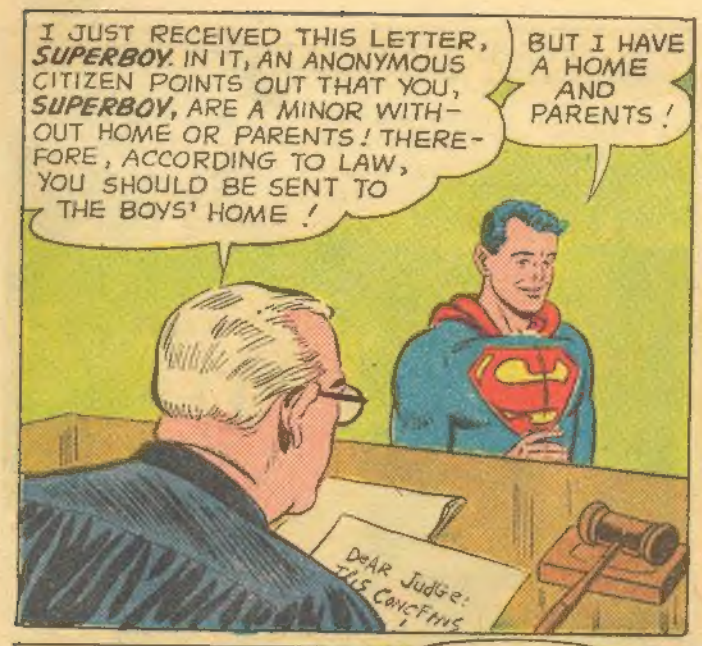

THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN JUVENILE COURT...
AND NOW, YOUR HONOR, I PRESENT MY CHIEF WITNESS AGAINST THE DEFENDANT, CHIP STALEY! WILL SUPER-BOY COME FORWARD?
YES, MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY! AS SOON AS THE BAILIFFS OPEN THE DOORS!

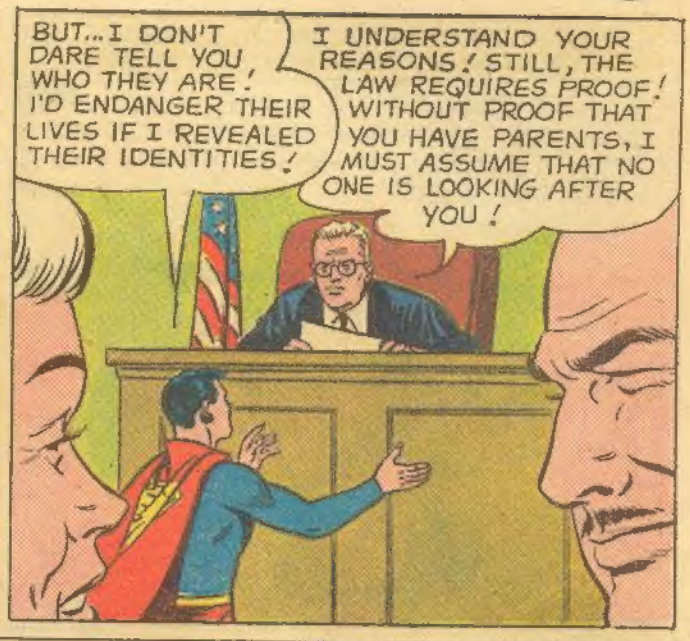

AS YOU SEE, SUPER-BOY IS ARRIVING WITH DAMAGING EVIDENCE AGAINST THIS YOUNG DELINQUENT!
GASP!
H-HOLY CATS!...

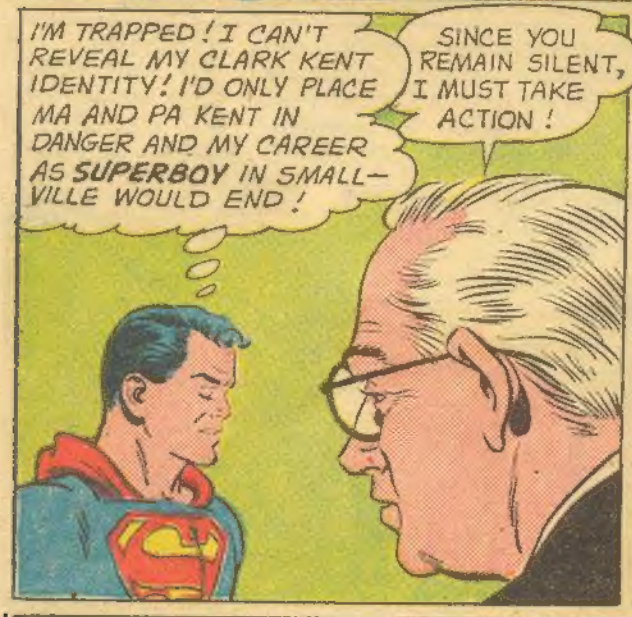
YOUR HONOR, I FOUND THESE STOLEN HUB CAPS IN THE SECRET HIDEOUT BELONGING TO STALEY'S GANG! AND THESE BIKES, ALSO FOUND IN THE CELLAR OF CHIP'S HIDEOUT, BELONG TO THE STUDENTS OF SMALLVILLE HIGH!

OKAY! I CONFESS! I STOLE THEM HUB CAPS AN' BIKES! NOW WHAT HAPPENS?
PSST, AGNES... LOOK! HERE COMES THE BAILIFF WITH OUR SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER!


WHILE THE JUDGE READS THE LETTER...
JUDGE, MAY I ASK FOR MERCY FOR THIS BOY? HE HAS NO PARENTS TO TEACH HIM RIGHT FROM WRONG! I RECOMMEND THAT HE BE SENT TO THE BOYS' HOME SO HE CAN BE CARED FOR!
HMM... VERY INTERESTING THAT YOU SHOULD SAY THAT, SUPERBOY!
DEAR JUDGE:
THIS CONCERNS


I JUST RECEIVED THIS LETTER, SUPERBOY. IN IT, AN ANONYMOUS CITIZEN POINTS OUT THAT YOU, SUPERBOY, ARE A MINOR WITHOUT HOME OR PARENTS! THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO LAW, YOU SHOULD BE SENT TO THE BOYS' HOME!
BUT I HAVE A HOME AND PARENTS!
DEAR JUDGE: THIS CONCERNS


BUT... I DON'T DARE TELL YOU WHO THEY ARE! I'D ENDANGER THEIR LIVES IF I REVEALED THEIR IDENTITIES!
I UNDERSTAND YOUR REASONS! STILL, THE LAW REQUIRES PROOF! WITHOUT PROOF THAT YOU HAVE PARENTS, I MUST ASSUME THAT NO ONE IS LOOKING AFTER YOU!


I'M TRAPPED! I CAN'T REVEAL MY CLARK KENT IDENTITY! I'D ONLY PLACE MA AND PA KENT IN DANGER AND MY CAREER AS SUPERBOY IN SMALLVILLE WOULD END!
SINCE YOU REMAIN SILENT, I MUST TAKE ACTION!

SUPERBOY, EVERYONE IN SMALLVILLE KNOWS OF YOUR GREAT DEEDS. BUT THE LAW IS THE LAW! I MUST SEND YOU TO THE BOYS' HOME TILL YOU ARE 21!
WAIT, YOUR HONOR! I'M CHESTER HURD, A RESIDENT OF SMALLVILLE! I THINK I HAVE A BETTER SOLUTION! LET MY WIFE AND I ADOPT SUPERBOY!

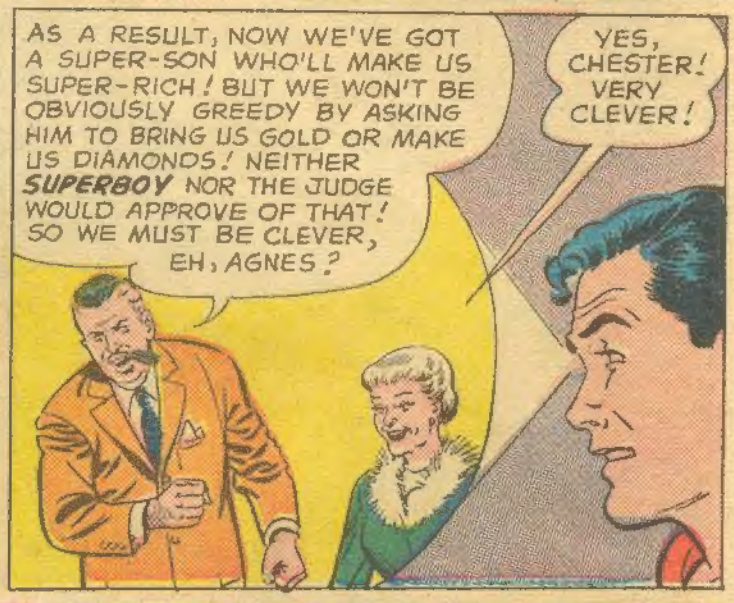
WE'D LIKE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH LOVE! ALSO FOOD AND SHELTER! SUPERBOY WOULD THEN HAVE A LEGAL HOME AND PARENTS AND WOULDN'T HAVE TO LEAVE SMALLVILLE!
A SENSIBLE SUGGESTION, MR. HURD! WHAT DO YOU SAY, SUPERBOY? I COULD APPROVE A PROVISIONAL ADOPTION!

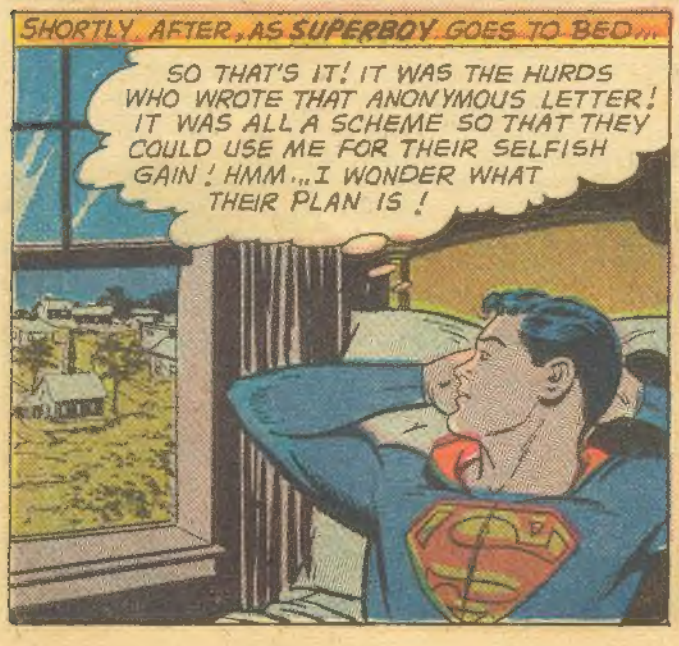
I CAN'T THINK OF MYSELF WITH NEW PARENTS! YET... TO LEAVE SMALLVILLE ENTIRELY WOULD BE WORSE! MAYBE I CAN FIND A WAY OUT LATER!
WONDERFUL! YOU'LL COME HOME WITH US, SUPERBOY, AS SOON AS THE PAPERS ARE SIGNED!
ALL RIGHT, JUDGE! I ACCEPT!

LATER, AT THE KENT HOME, AS SUPERBOY SAYS FAREWELL TO HIS REAL FOSTER PARENTS...
I UNDERSTAND, SON! YOU COULDN'T REVEAL YOUR CLARK KENT IDENTITY OR OURS! BUT DO TRY TO GET OUT OF THIS SITUATION SOON!
I WILL, MOM! MEANWHILE, EXPLAIN CLARK'S ABSENCE BY SAYING I'M VISITING RELATIVES OUT OF TOWN!

THAT NIGHT, AS SUPERBOY MOVES INTO THE HURD HOUSE...
UH-OH! MY SUPER-HEARING IS PICKING UP A CONVERSATION ABOUT ME IN THE LIVING ROOM! I'LL PEEK THROUGH THE WALL WITH MY X-RAY VISION!
OUR LETTER DID THE TRICK, AGNES!

IT WORKED BETTER THAN I'D HOPED! RATHER THAN REVEAL HIS PARENTS' IDENTITY AND LEAVE SMALLVILLE, SUPERBOY AGREED TO A PROVISIONAL ADOPTION! AND WE WERE THERE TO MAKE OUR ADOPTION OFFER BEFORE ANYONE ELSE DID!


AS A RESULT, NOW WE'VE GOT A SUPER-SON WHO'LL MAKE US SUPER-RICH! BUT WE WON'T BE OBVIOUSLY GREEDY BY ASKING HIM TO BRING US GOLD OR MAKE US DIAMONDS! NEITHER SUPERBOY NOR THE JUDGE WOULD APPROVE OF THAT! SO WE MUST BE CLEVER, EH, AGNES?
YES, CHESTER! VERY CLEVER!


SHORTLY AFTER, AS SUPERBOY GOES TO BED...
SO THAT'S IT! IT WAS THE HURDS WHO WROTE THAT ANONYMOUS LETTER! IT WAS ALL A SCHEME SO THAT THEY COULD USE ME FOR THEIR SELFISH GAIN! HMM... I WONDER WHAT THEIR PLAN IS!

THE NEXT DAY, SUPERBOY GOES AWAY ON A SPACE MISSION! BUT A WEEK LATER, WHEN HE RETURNS...
GASP! GOOD HEAVENS! NOW I SEE WHAT MY NEW "MOM AND DAD" ARE UP TO! THEY'VE BEEN AS BUSY AS BEAVERS WHILE I'VE BEEN AWAY!

GET YOUR SUPERBOY SOUVENIRS RIGHT HERE!
THIS WAY FOR A GUIDED TOUR OF SUPERBOY'S NEW HOME!
THEY'VE CONVERTED THEIR HOUSE INTO A CHEAP SIDESHOW FOR TOURISTS! THEY DON'T NEED ME TO BRING THEM GOLD! THEY'RE CASHING IN ON MY REPUTATION, THE SKUNKS!
GUIDED TOUR OF SUPERBOY'S NEW HOUSE!
SOUVENIRS! BUY COPIES OF SUPERBOY'S COSTUMES HERE!
THE HOME OF SUPERBOY
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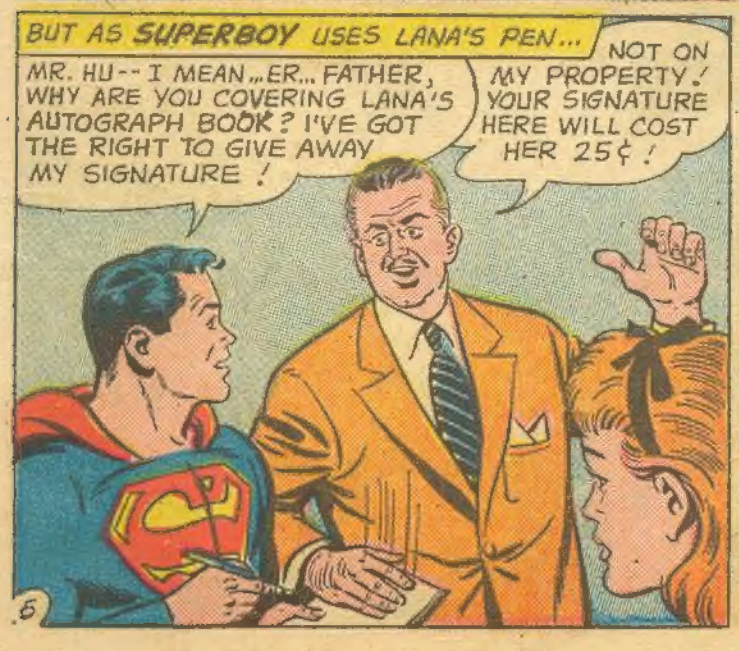
SEE SUPERBOY NEWSREELS

IT'S SICKENING! THE HURDS HAVE DEGRADED THE DIGNITY OF SUPERBOY WITH FLASHY CARNIVAL TRICKS! THEY'RE TRADING ON MY NAME AND FAME TO MAKE THEMSELVES RICH!
PLEASE, SUPERBOY! GIVE ME YOUR AUTOGRAPH!
SUPERBOY RESTAURANT AND SNACK BAR
SUPER-FRANKS! SUPER-HAMBURGERS! SUPER-SODA!

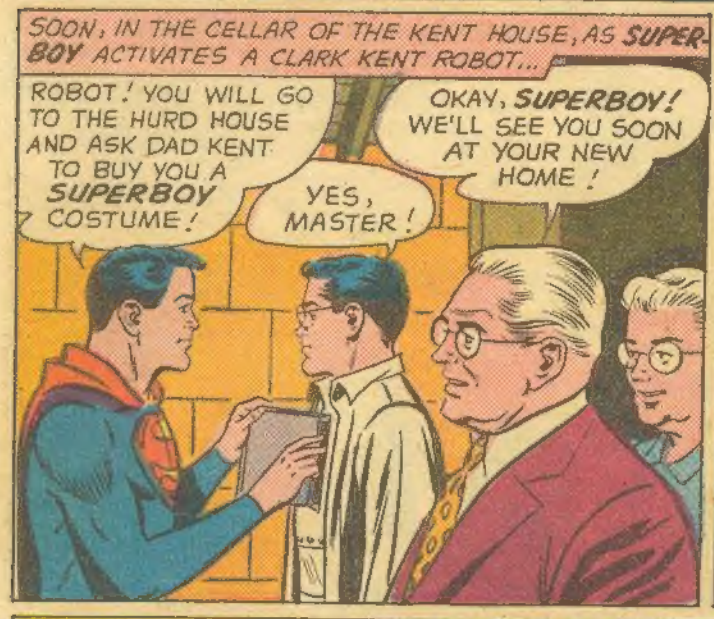
AS SUPERBOY SPOTS HIS FRIEND, LANA LANG, IN THE THRONG...
PLEASE, SUPERBOY, IF YOU GIVE ME THIS AUTOGRAPH, I'LL HAVE AN EVEN HUNDRED FROM YOU IN MY COLLECTION!
OF COURSE, LANA! AND I'LL BE GLAD TO SIGN EVERYBODY ELSE'S AUTOGRAPH BOOKS, TOO!


BUT AS SUPERBOY USES LANA'S PEN...
MR. HU-- I MEAN... ER... FATHER, WHY ARE YOU COVERING LANA'S AUTOGRAPH BOOK? I'VE GOT THE RIGHT TO GIVE AWAY MY SIGNATURE!
NOT ON MY PROPERTY! YOUR SIGNATURE HERE WILL COST HER 25¢!

I DON'T MIND PAYING FOR YOUR AUTOGRAPH, SUPERBOY!
I'D PAY A QUARTER FOR HIS AUTOGRAPH ANY TIME!
YOU SEE, SON? THEY'RE GLAD TO PAY! NOW YOU WRITE FAST, WHILE I COLLECT!

AS SUPERBOY ANGRILY SIGNS HIS NAME MANY TIMES...
IN EXCHANGE FOR GIVING ME CLOTHING, FOOD AND SHELTER, THE HURDS EXPECT TO CLEAN UP A FORTUNE! WELL, IF THEY THINK I'LL ASSIST THEM IN THEIR GREEDY SCHEME, THEY'RE CRAZY! INSTEAD, I'LL TEACH THEM A LESSON!

SHORTLY AFTER, AS SUPERBOY DUCKS AWAY AND USES THE SECRET TUNNEL TO THE KENT HOME...
MY REAL FOSTER-PARENTS, THE KENTS, WANT ME FOR THEIR SON BECAUSE THEY LOVE ME! BUT THE HURDS ADOPTED ME ONLY TO MAKE THEMSELVES RICH! WELL, THEY'LL REGRET THEIR CUNNING ADOPTION PLAN!


SOON, IN THE CELLAR OF THE KENT HOUSE, AS SUPERBOY ACTIVATES A CLARK KENT ROBOT...
ROBOT! YOU WILL GO TO THE HURD HOUSE AND ASK DAD KENT TO BUY YOU A SUPERBOY COSTUME!
YES, MASTER!
OKAY, SUPERBOY! WE'LL SEE YOU SOON AT YOUR NEW HOME!

PRESENTLY, WHEN SUPERBOY RETURNS TO HIS NEW PARENTS...
OH, MA! MY INDESTRUCTIBLE UNIFORM GOT SPOTTED! WOULD YOU PLEASE CLEAN IT WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE? MEANWHILE, I'M WEARING ONE OF THESE COPIES YOU'RE SELLING!
VERY WELL, BUT DON'T BOTHER ME ABOUT IT NOW! I'M TOO BUSY TAKING IN MONEY!

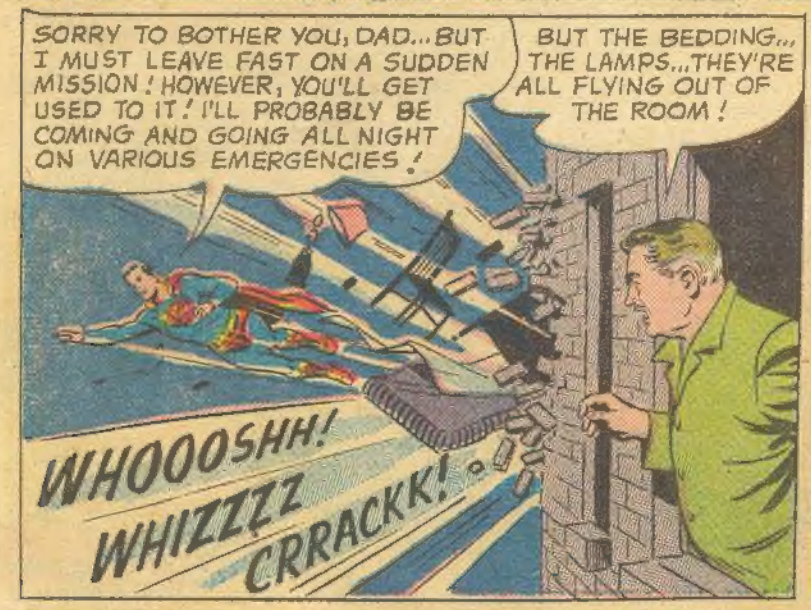
NEXT, AS THE KENTS SHOW UP WITH THE CLARK KENT ROBOT...
DAD! PLEASE BUY ME A SUPERBOY COSTUME!
HERE YOU ARE! THIS ONE OUGHT TO FIT!
I'M GIVING THE CLARK KENT ROBOT MY REAL, INDESTRUCTIBLE UNIFORM! MRS. HURD CAN'T SEE ME MAKING THE...ER..."MISTAKE"!

BUT THEN, WHEN THE KENT "FAMILY" LEAVES WITH THEIR PURCHASE...
MA! SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED! BY ACCIDENT, I SOLD MY REAL UNIFORM, THE ONE THAT I HAD ASKED YOU TO CLEAN! I THINK I GAVE IT TO CLARK KENT!
GO AFTER HIM! QUICK! YOU MUST GET IT BACK!

BUT AS SUPERBOY OBEDIENTLY STREAKS OFF...
GOOD GRACIOUS! HIS COSTUME IS BURNING UP!
GOSH, MOTHER, I FORGOT THESE COPIES OF MY REAL COSTUME ARE MADE OF ORDINARY MATERIALS AND BURN UP FROM THE FRICTION OF SUPER-SPEED! I'LL SWITCH INTO ANOTHER COSTUME AND TRY TO CUT DOWN MY SPEED!
AS SUPERBOY DONS COSTUME AFTER COSTUME...
THIS TAKE-OFF'S TOO FAST, ALSO!
UH-OH! MY BOOTS ARE BURNING UP, TOO!
WHOOOHM!
WHOOOHM!
I-I...ER...DON'T SEEM TO HAVE THE KNACK OF MOVING SLOW!
GASP! HE'S USED UP OUR WHOLE SUPPLY OF UNIFORMS!
SHORTLY...
THIS IS TERRIBLE, SUPERBOY! WE'VE LOST ALL OUR PROFITS INVESTED IN THESE UNIFORMS! THERE ISN'T A COSTUME LEFT EXCEPT THE ONE YOU'RE WEARING!
I'M SORRY, FATHER! I'D BETTER NOT TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH THIS ONE! I'LL WALK TO THE KENT HOUSE AND ASK CLARK TO EXCHANGE IT FOR THE REAL ONE!
BUT WE HAVEN'T A COSTUME LEFT TO SELL! Y-YOU WORE THEM ALL OUT!
NOW, NOW MOTHER! DON'T COMPLAIN! YOU DID PROMISE THE JUDGE TO PROVIDE ME WITH CLOTHING! YOU SHOULD'VE REALIZED I'M NO ORDINARY BOY AND I'D BE HARD ON CLOTHING!
THAT NIGHT, AT THE SUPPER TABLE...
BRING ON MORE FOOD! MY HAPPINESS AT GETTING MY COSTUME BACK SEEMS TO HAVE GIVEN ME A REAL APPETITE!
REAL? IT'S FANTASTIC! YOU HAVEN'T STOPPED EATING AND HAVEN'T LEFT US A BITE TO EAT! WHY, YOU'RE EATING US OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME!
THE NEXT MORNING, AT BREAKFAST...
I KNOW YOU'VE GOT A SUPER-APPETITE! BUT ISN'T THERE ANY END TO IT? FEEDING YOU IS COSTING ME A FORTUNE!
MUNCH! MUNCH! BUT I MUST EAT IN ORDER TO HAVE SUPER-ENERGY! MUNCH! MUNCH!
SORRY, DAD!
MILK

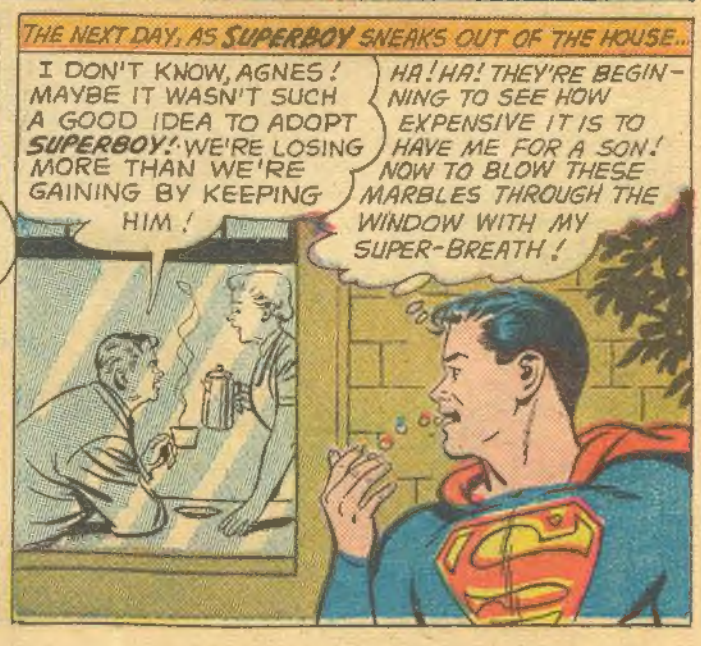
AND LATER THAT DAY, AT THE "SUPERBOY" SNACK-BAR...
HE'S BEEN LIKE THIS ALL DAY, MR. HURD! H-HE JUST DOESN'T STOP EATING! WE HAVEN'T A THING LEFT! I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO SELL!
YE GODS! WHEN I PROMISED THE JUDGE TO FEED HIM, I NEVER DREAMED HE'D DRIVE ME TO THE POOR-HOUSE WITH HIS APPETITE!
DRINK SUPER SODA

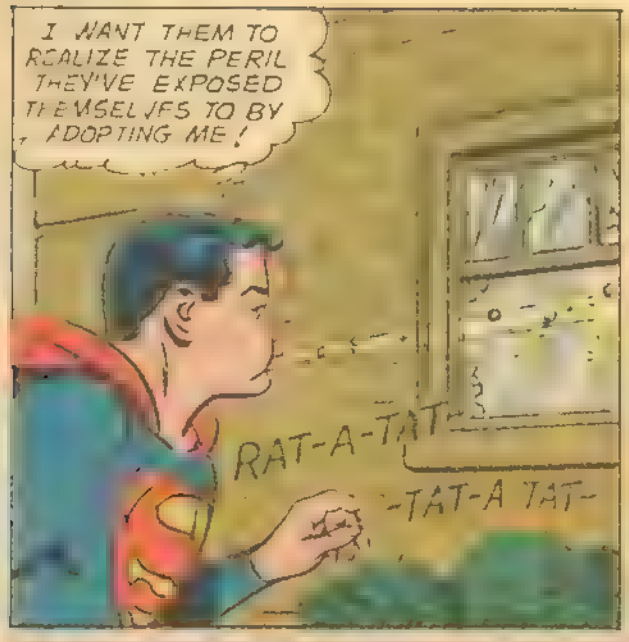
THAT NIGHT, AS THE WEARY HURDS PREPARE TO RETIRE...
WHAT A DAY! ÷GROAN!÷ SUPERBOY'S SUPER-APPETITE PRACTICALLY WIPED OUT ALL OUR PROFITS! B-BUT MAYBE I'LL HAVE THE STRENGTH TO GO ON AFTER A GOOD NIGHT'S REST!
WHOOSHH!
÷GASP!÷ CHESTER! W-WHAT IS THAT?


SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, DAD... BUT I MUST LEAVE FAST ON A SUDDEN MISSION! HOWEVER, YOU'LL GET USED TO IT! I'LL PROBABLY BE COMING AND GOING ALL NIGHT ON VARIOUS EMERGENCIES!
BUT THE BEDDING... THE LAMPS... THEY'RE ALL FLYING OUT OF THE ROOM!
WHOOOSHH!
WHIZZZZ
CRRACKK!

OH, THAT! IT'S JUST THE VACUUM CAUSED BY THE SUPER-SPEED OF MY TAKE-OFF! EVERYTHING INSIDE THE HOUSE GETS SUCKED OUT WHENEVER I LEAVE! WELL, DON'T LET ME KEEP YOU UP! SEE YOU IN THE MORNING!
C-CATCH ME, AGNES! I'M GOING TO FAINT! OHH--

WHOOOSHHH!
WHOOOSHH!
THERE HE GOES AGAIN! BACK AND FORTH! BACK AND FORTH! BLAST HIS SUDDEN EMERGENCIES! I-I CAN'T GET A WINK OF SLEEP!
AND THERE'S SCARCELY A STICK OF FURNITURE LEFT IN THE HOUSE!


THE NEXT DAY, AS SUPERBOY SNEAKS OUT OF THE HOUSE...
I DON'T KNOW, AGNES! MAYBE IT WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA TO ADOPT SUPERBOY! WE'RE LOSING MORE THAN WE'RE GAINING BY KEEPING HIM!
HA! HA! THEY'RE BEGINNING TO SEE HOW EXPENSIVE IT IS TO HAVE ME FOR A SON! NOW TO BLOW THESE MARBLES THROUGH THE WINDOW WITH MY SUPER-BREATH!


I WANT THEM TO REALIZE THE PERIL THEY'VE EXPOSED THEMSELVES TO BY ADOPTING ME!
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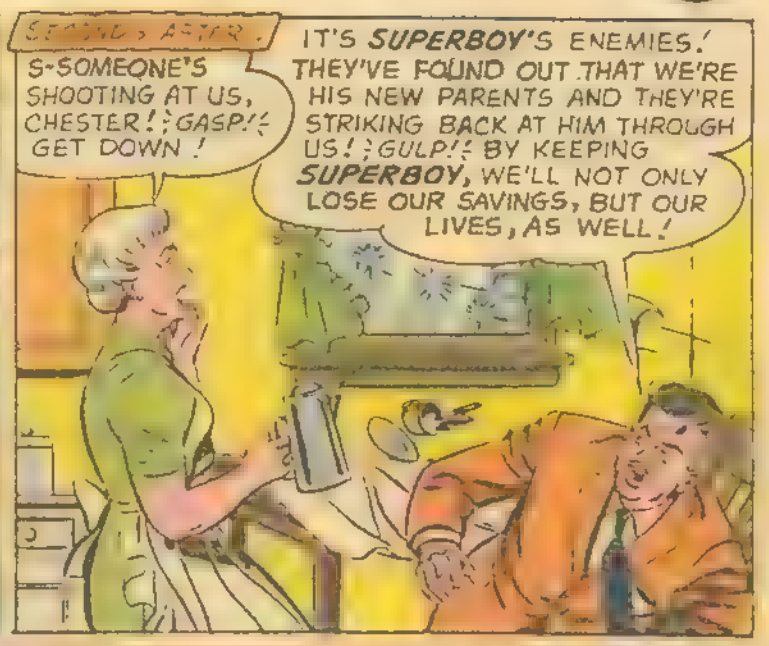
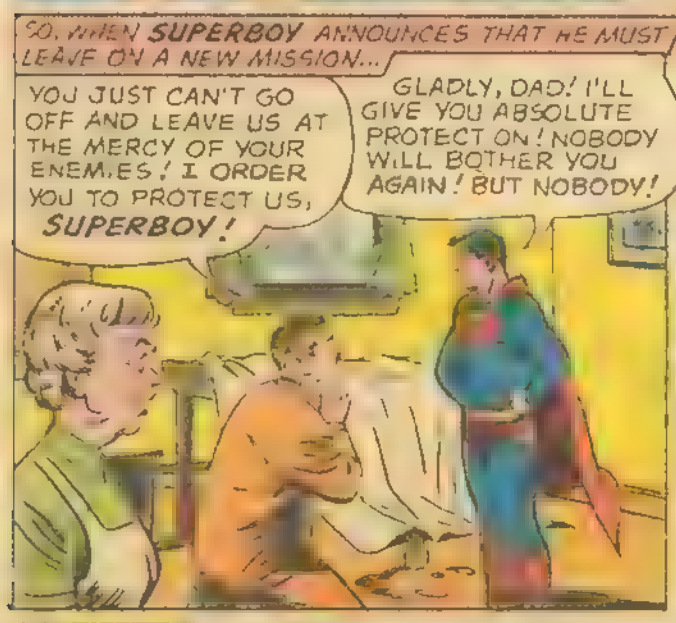
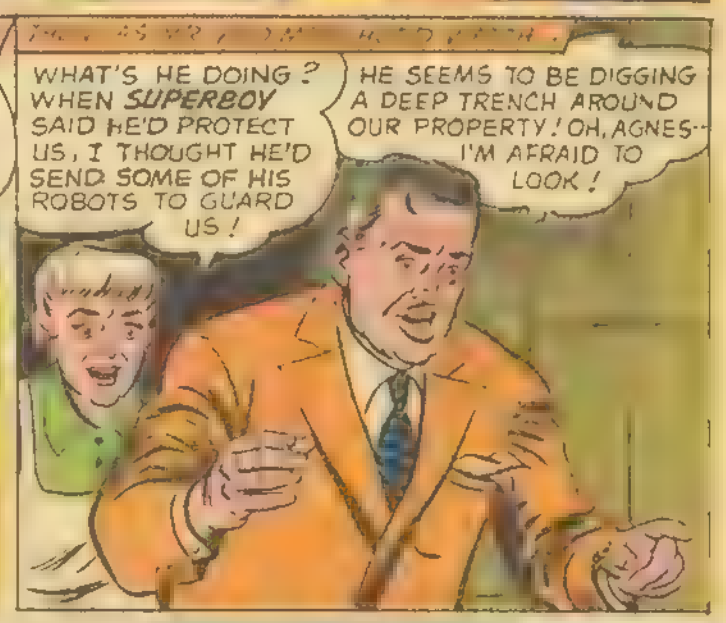
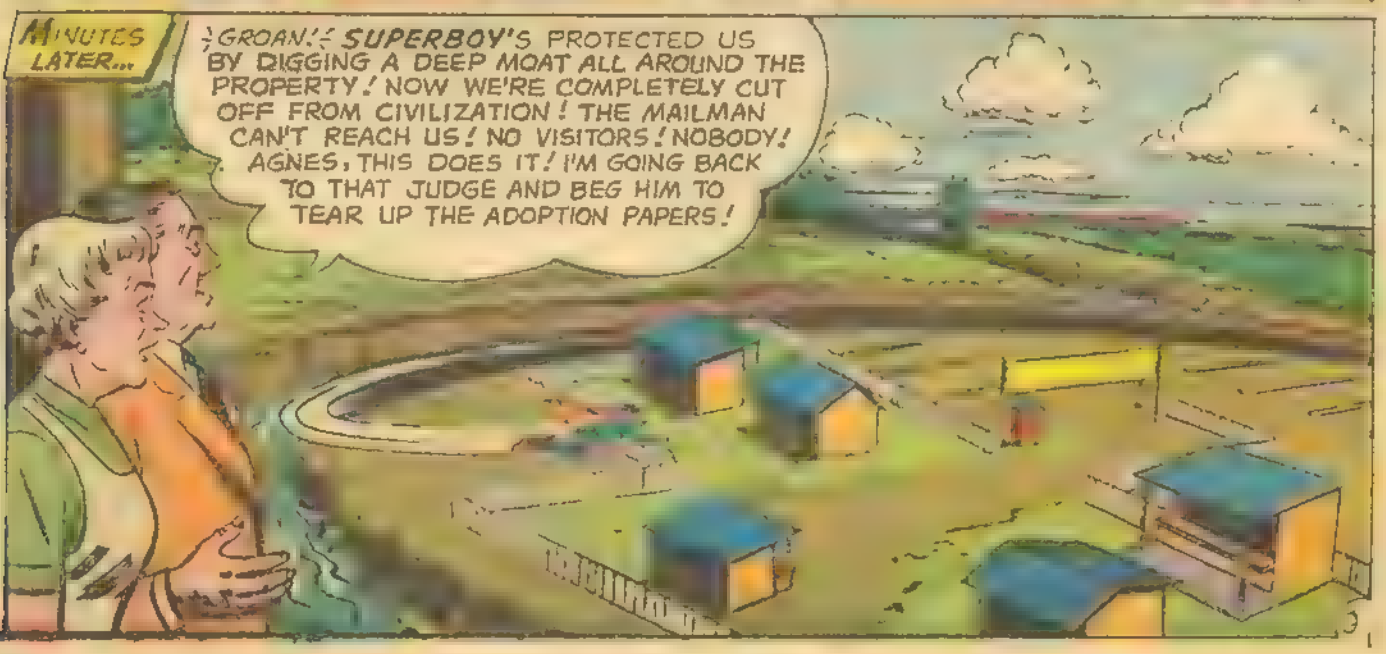
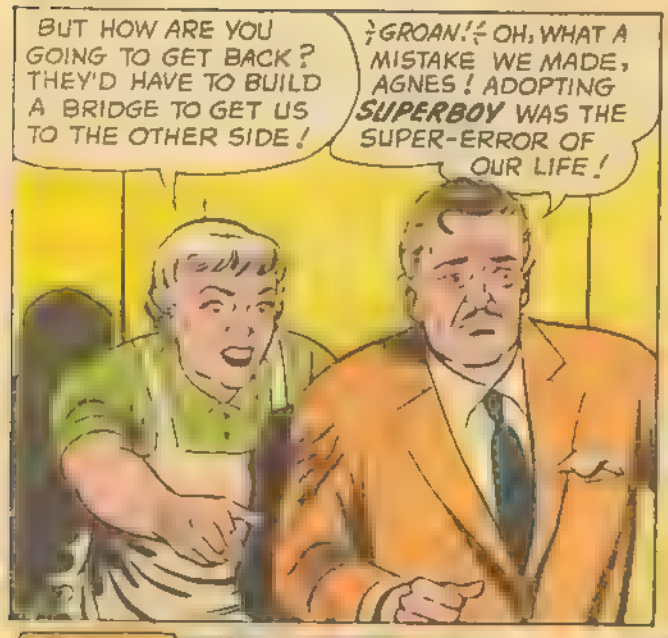
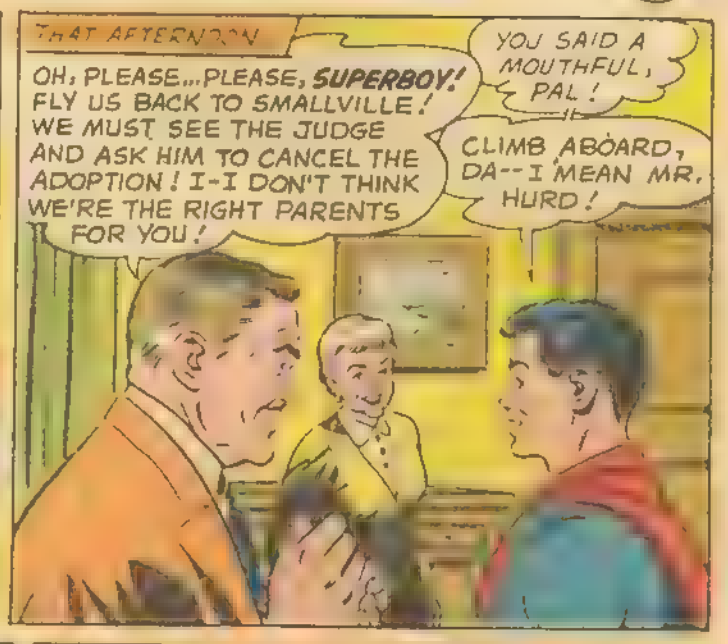

SECONDS AFTER.
S-SOMEONE'S SHOOTING AT US, CHESTER! GASP! GET DOWN!
IT'S SUPERBOY'S ENEMIES! THEY'VE FOUND OUT THAT WE'RE HIS NEW PARENTS AND THEY'RE STRIKING BACK AT HIM THROUGH US! GULP! BY KEEPING SUPERBOY, WE'LL NOT ONLY LOSE OUR SAVINGS, BUT OUR LIVES, AS WELL!


SO, WHEN SUPERBOY ANNOUNCES THAT HE MUST LEAVE ON A NEW MISSION...
YOU JUST CAN'T GO OFF AND LEAVE US AT THE MERCY OF YOUR ENEMIES! I ORDER YOU TO PROTECT US, SUPERBOY!
GLADLY, DAD! I'LL GIVE YOU ABSOLUTE PROTECTION! NOBODY WILL BOTHER YOU AGAIN! BUT NOBODY!

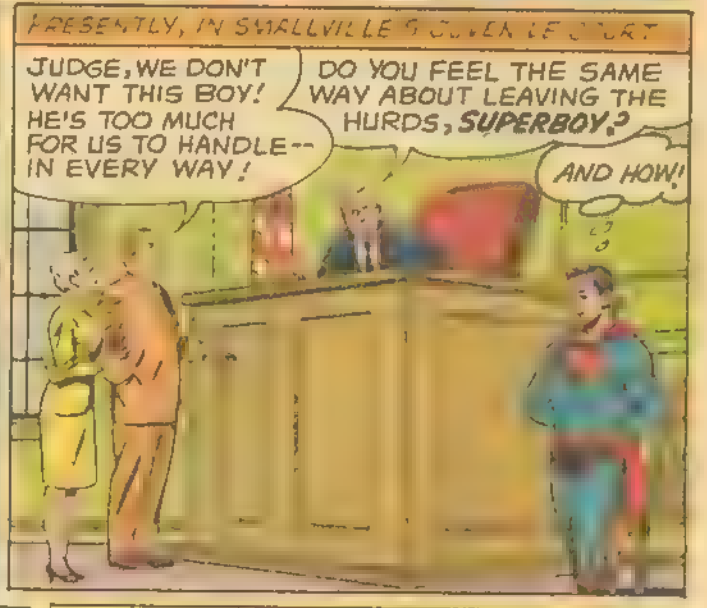

WHAT'S HE DOING? WHEN SUPERBOY SAID HE'D PROTECT US, I THOUGHT HE'D SEND SOME OF HIS ROBOTS TO GUARD US!
HE SEEMS TO BE DIGGING A DEEP TRENCH AROUND OUR PROPERTY! OH, AGNES-- I'M AFRAID TO LOOK!

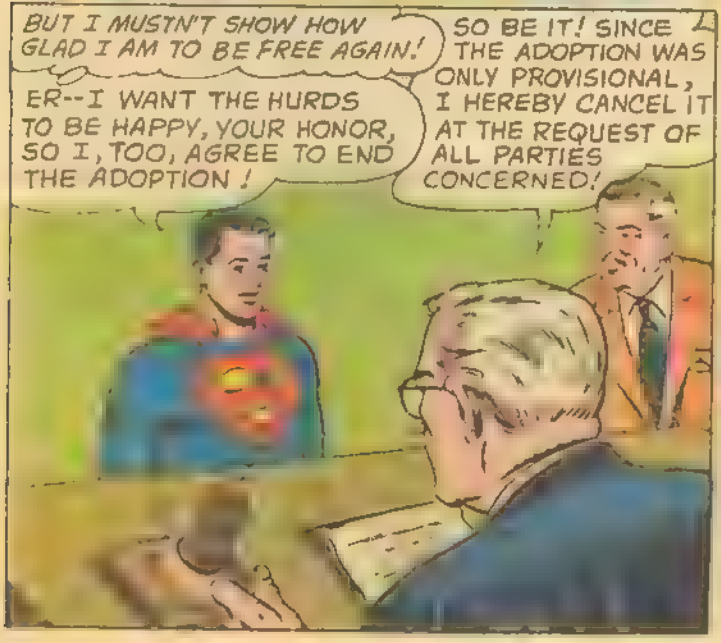

MINUTES LATER...
GROAN! SUPERBOY'S PROTECTED US BY DIGGING A DEEP MOAT ALL AROUND THE PROPERTY! NOW WE'RE COMPLETELY CUT OFF FROM CIVILIZATION! THE MAILMAN CAN'T REACH US! NO VISITORS! NOBODY! AGNES, THIS DOES IT! I'M GOING BACK TO THAT JUDGE AND BEG HIM TO TEAR UP THE ADOPTION PAPERS!

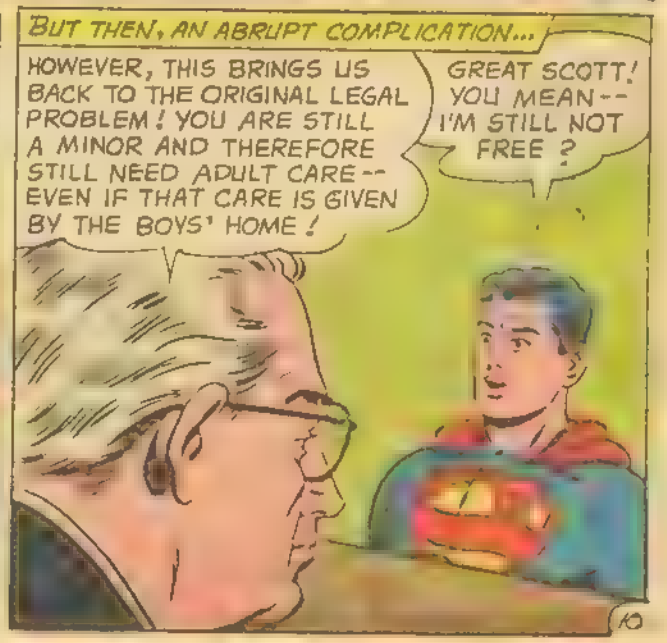

BUT HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET BACK? THEY'D HAVE TO BUILD A BRIDGE TO GET US TO THE OTHER SIDE!
GROAN! OH, WHAT A MISTAKE WE MADE, AGNES! ADOPTING SUPERBOY WAS THE SUPER-ERROR OF OUR LIFE!

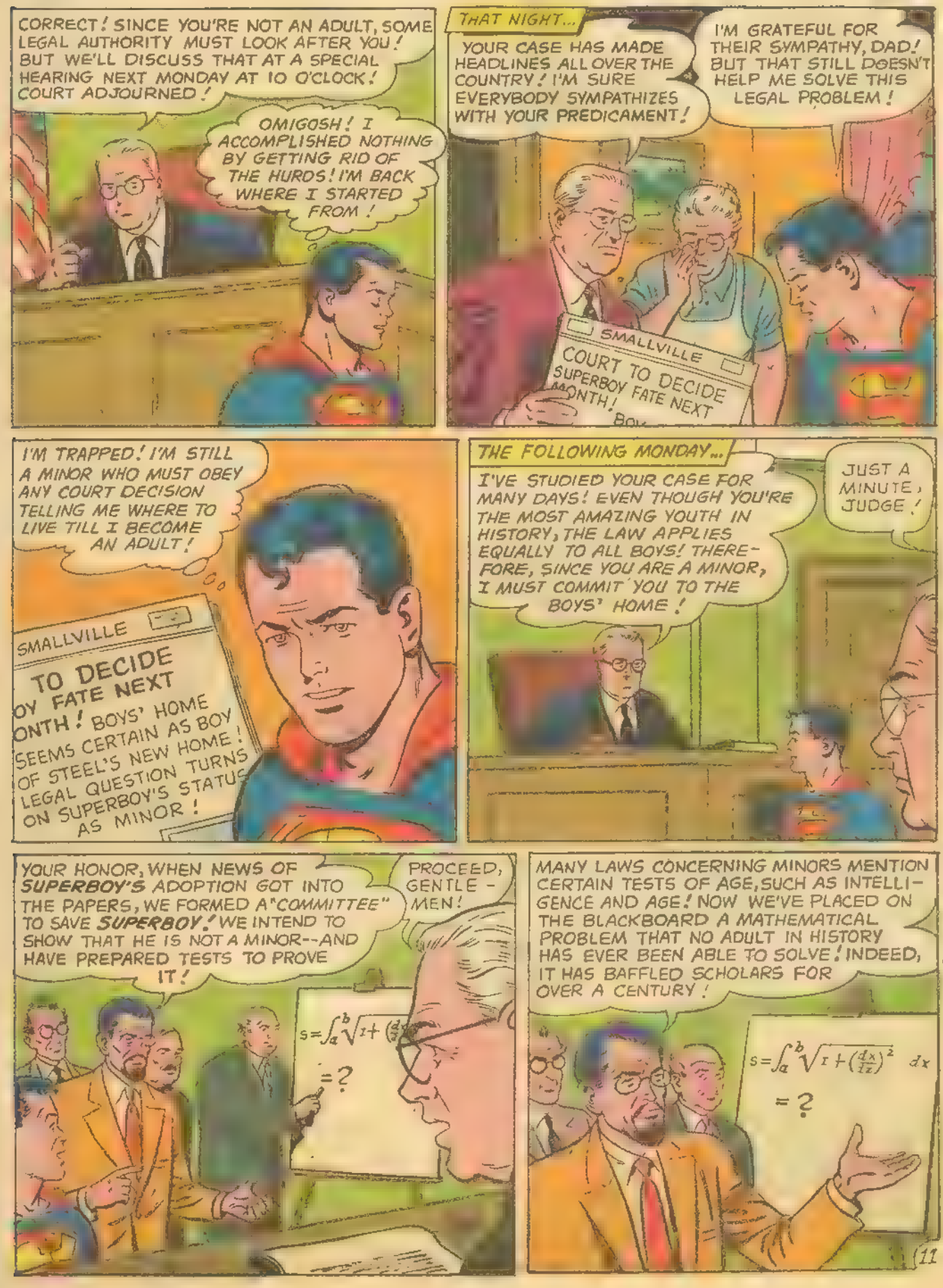

THAT AFTERNOON
OH, PLEASE...PLEASE, SUPERBOY! FLY US BACK TO SMALLVILLE! WE MUST SEE THE JUDGE AND ASK HIM TO CANCEL THE ADOPTION! I-I DON'T THINK WE'RE THE RIGHT PARENTS FOR YOU!
YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL, PAL!
CLIMB ABOARD, DA--I MEAN MR. HURD!

SUPERBOY, AFTER WE SETTLE THIS MATTER, COULD YOU--ER--RESTORE OUR PROPERTY TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION?
OF COURSE! I'LL GLADLY REPAIR ANY DAMAGES I MADE!


PRESENTLY, IN SMALLVILLE'S JUVENILE COURT
JUDGE, WE DON'T WANT THIS BOY! HE'S TOO MUCH FOR US TO HANDLE--IN EVERY WAY!
DO YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT LEAVING THE HURDS, SUPERBOY?
AND HOW!


BUT I MUSTN'T SHOW HOW GLAD I AM TO BE FREE AGAIN!
ER--I WANT THE HURDS TO BE HAPPY, YOUR HONOR, SO I, TOO, AGREE TO END THE ADOPTION!
SO BE IT! SINCE THE ADOPTION WAS ONLY PROVISIONAL, I HEREBY CANCEL IT AT THE REQUEST OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED!


BUT THEN, AN ABRUPT COMPLICATION...
HOWEVER, THIS BRINGS US BACK TO THE ORIGINAL LEGAL PROBLEM! YOU ARE STILL A MINOR AND THEREFORE STILL NEED ADULT CARE--EVEN IF THAT CARE IS GIVEN BY THE BOYS' HOME!
GREAT SCOTT! YOU MEAN--I'M STILL NOT FREE?


CORRECT! SINCE YOU'RE NOT AN ADULT, SOME LEGAL AUTHORITY MUST LOOK AFTER YOU! BUT WE'LL DISCUSS THAT AT A SPECIAL HEARING NEXT MONDAY AT 10 O'CLOCK! COURT ADJOURNED!
OMIGOSH! I ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING BY GETTING RID OF THE HURDS! I'M BACK WHERE I STARTED FROM!
THAT NIGHT...
YOUR CASE HAS MADE HEADLINES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY! I'M SURE EVERYBODY SYMPATHIZES WITH YOUR PREDICAMENT!
I'M GRATEFUL FOR THEIR SYMPATHY, DAD! BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T HELP ME SOLVE THIS LEGAL PROBLEM!
SMALLVILLE
COURT TO DECIDE SUPERBOY FATE NEXT MONTH!
I'M TRAPPED! I'M STILL A MINOR WHO MUST OBEY ANY COURT DECISION TELLING ME WHERE TO LIVE TILL I BECOME AN ADULT!
SMALLVILLE
TO DECIDE
OY FATE NEXT
ONTH! BOYS' HOME SEEMS CERTAIN AS BOY OF STEEL'S NEW HOME! LEGAL QUESTION TURNS ON SUPERBOY'S STATUS AS MINOR!
THE FOLLOWING MONDAY...
I'VE STUDIED YOUR CASE FOR MANY DAYS! EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE THE MOST AMAZING YOUTH IN HISTORY, THE LAW APPLIES EQUALLY TO ALL BOYS! THEREFORE, SINCE YOU ARE A MINOR, I MUST COMMIT YOU TO THE BOYS' HOME!
JUST A MINUTE, JUDGE!
YOUR HONOR, WHEN NEWS OF SUPERBOY'S ADOPTION GOT INTO THE PAPERS, WE FORMED A "COMMITTEE" TO SAVE SUPERBOY! WE INTEND TO SHOW THAT HE IS NOT A MINOR--AND HAVE PREPARED TESTS TO PROVE IT!
PROCEED, GENTLE-MEN!
$s=\int_a^b \sqrt{1+(\frac{dy}{dx}}$
$=?$
MANY LAWS CONCERNING MINORS MENTION CERTAIN TESTS OF AGE, SUCH AS INTELLIGENCE AND AGE! NOW WE'VE PLACED ON THE BLACKBOARD A MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM THAT NO ADULT IN HISTORY HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO SOLVE! INDEED, IT HAS BAFFLED SCHOLARS FOR OVER A CENTURY!
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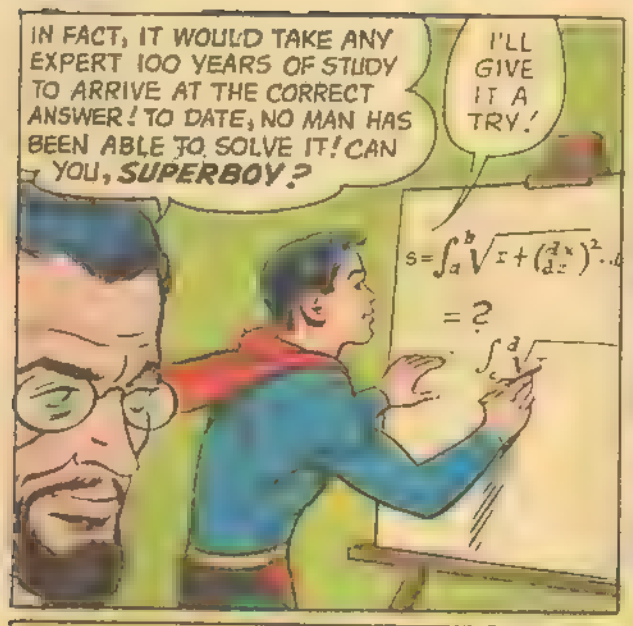
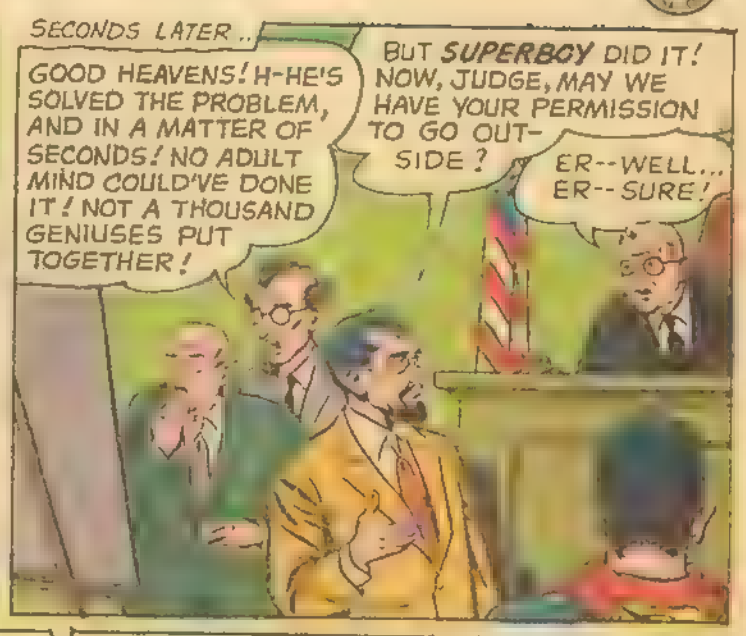
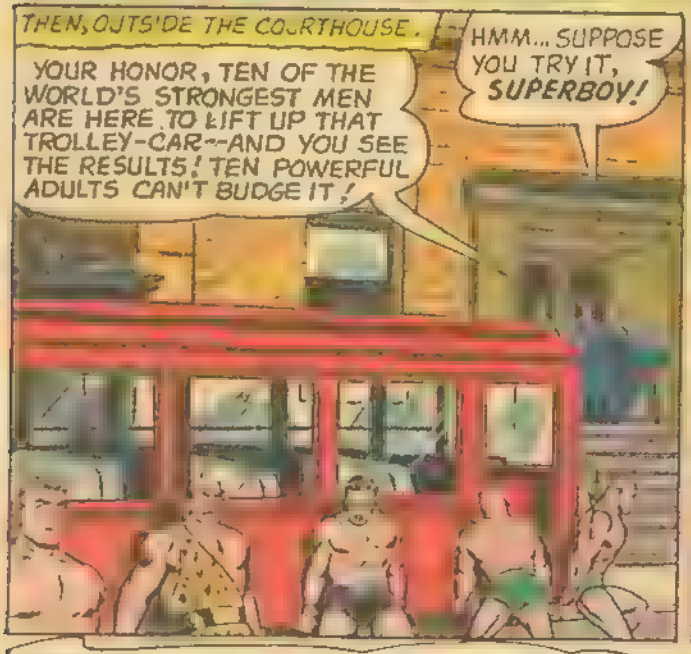
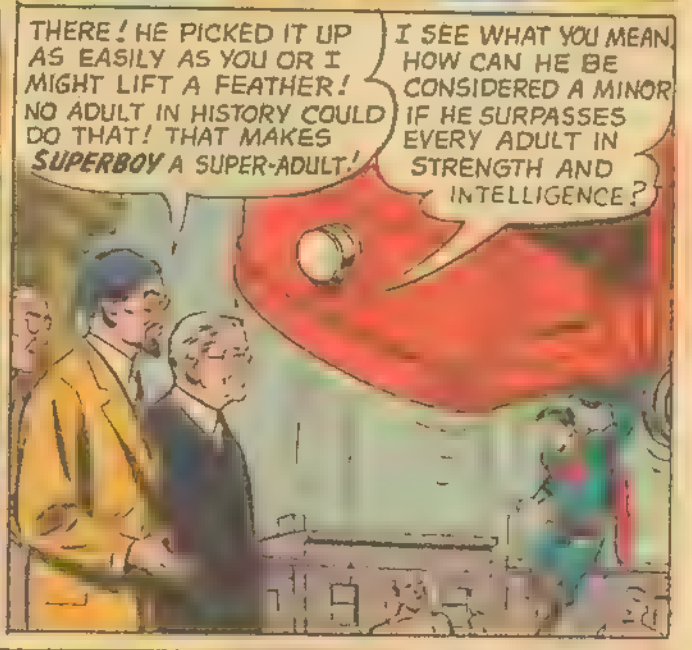
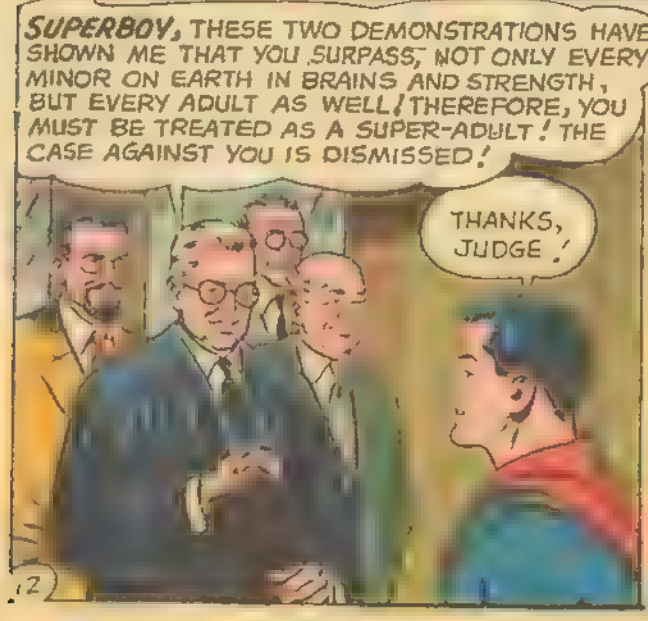
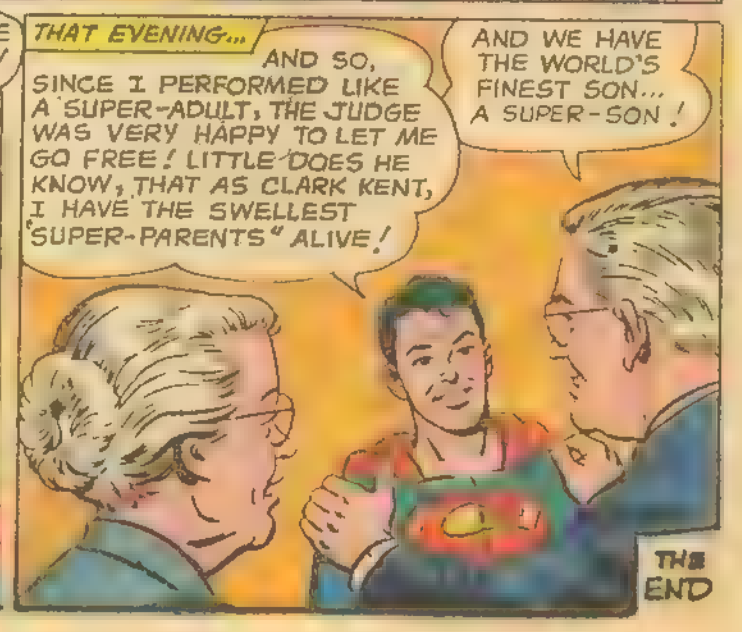

IN FACT, IT WOULD TAKE ANY EXPERT 100 YEARS OF STUDY TO ARRIVE AT THE CORRECT ANSWER! TO DATE, NO MAN HAS BEEN ABLE TO SOLVE IT! CAN YOU, SUPERBOY?
I'LL GIVE IT A TRY!

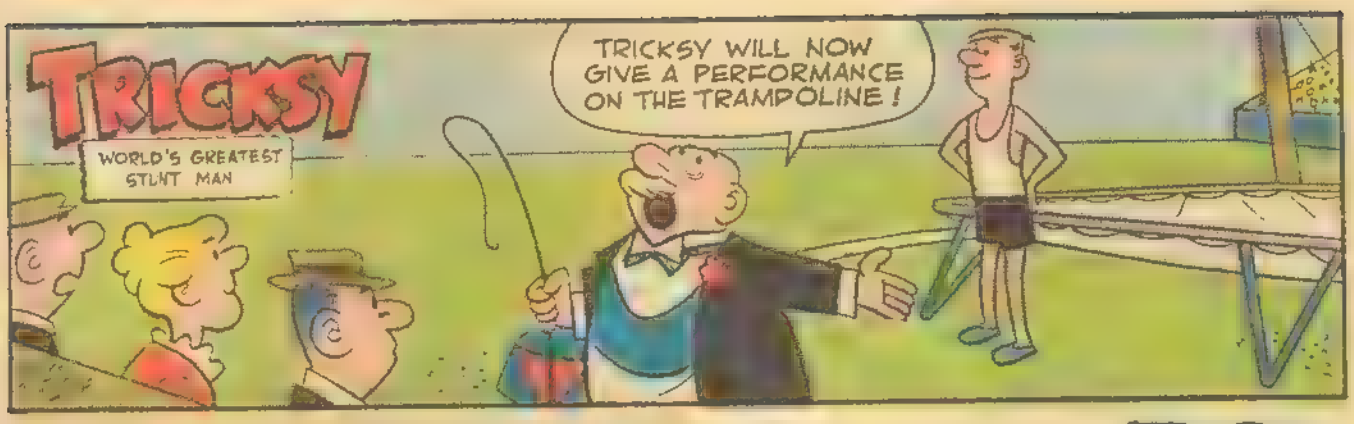

SECONDS LATER..
GOOD HEAVENS! H-HE'S SOLVED THE PROBLEM, AND IN A MATTER OF SECONDS! NO ADULT MIND COULD'VE DONE IT! NOT A THOUSAND GENIUSES PUT TOGETHER!
BUT SUPERBOY DID IT! NOW, JUDGE, MAY WE HAVE YOUR PERMISSION TO GO OUTSIDE?
ER--WELL... ER--SURE!

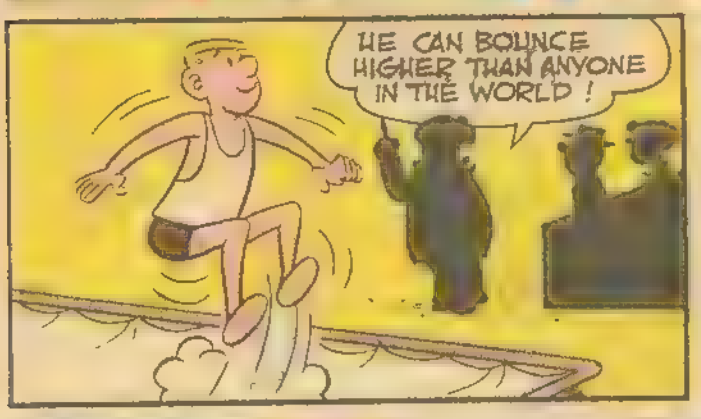

THEN, OUTS'DE THE COURTHOUSE.
YOUR HONOR, TEN OF THE WORLD'S STRONGEST MEN ARE HERE TO LIFT UP THAT TROLLEY-CAR--AND YOU SEE THE RESULTS! TEN POWERFUL ADULTS CAN'T BUDGE IT!
HMM... SUPPOSE YOU TRY IT, SUPERBOY!

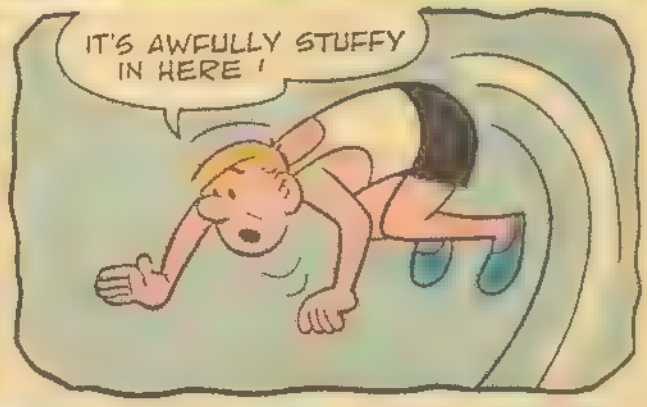

THERE! HE PICKED IT UP AS EASILY AS YOU OR I MIGHT LIFT A FEATHER! NO ADULT IN HISTORY COULD DO THAT! THAT MAKES SUPERBOY A SUPER-ADULT!
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN. HOW CAN HE BE CONSIDERED A MINOR IF HE SURPASSES EVERY ADULT IN STRENGTH AND INTELLIGENCE?

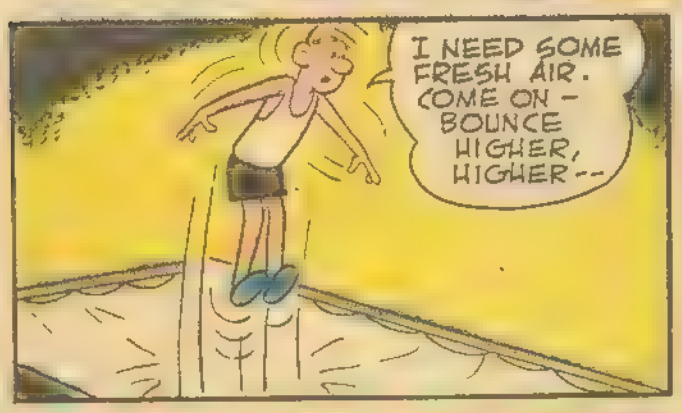

SUPERBOY, THESE TWO DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE SHOWN ME THAT YOU SURPASS, NOT ONLY EVERY MINOR ON EARTH IN BRAINS AND STRENGTH, BUT EVERY ADULT AS WELL! THEREFORE, YOU MUST BE TREATED AS A SUPER-ADULT! THE CASE AGAINST YOU IS DISMISSED!
THANKS, JUDGE!

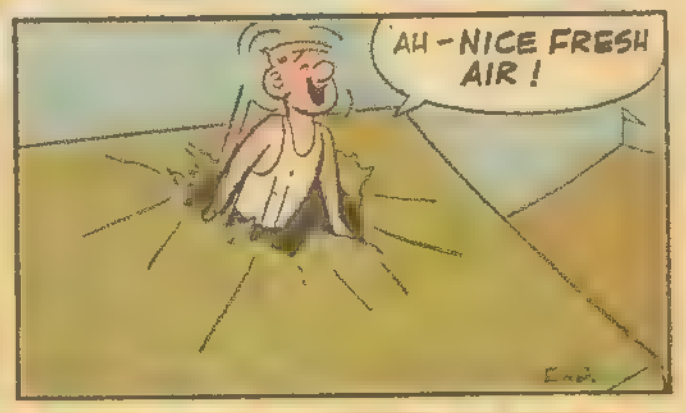

THAT EVENING...
AND SO, SINCE I PERFORMED LIKE A SUPER-ADULT, THE JUDGE WAS VERY HAPPY TO LET ME GO FREE! LITTLE DOES HE KNOW, THAT AS CLARK KENT, I HAVE THE SWELLEST "SUPER-PARENTS" ALIVE!
AND WE HAVE THE WORLD'S FINEST SON... A SUPER-SON!
THE END











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Dear Editor: I enjoy reading your comics, but I think I found a big boo-boo. In the November issue of your companion magazine, SUPERMAN COMICS, you answered a letter by Royce Guinn saying that SUPERMAN uses a different voice when he poses as reporter Clark Kent. If so, please explain how, in the August issue of ADVENTURE COMICS, Bruce Wayne figures out SUPERBOY's secret identity by comparing Clark Kent's voice pattern with SUPERBOY's. Let's see you slip out of this one with no wisecracks.

Jeff Wallack, Oceanside, N.Y.

(The experience you refer to, in which young Bruce Wayne detected SUPERBOY's identity, due to the same voice pattern, made a great impression on young Clark Kent—and ever since that time he decided to change his voice when switching from one identity to the other.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the recent story, "Aqualad Goes To School," I discovered a slight mistake. At the end of this story, when the principal and Aqualad shook hands, the principal and Aqualad both shook with their LEFT hands. I thought everybody shakes hands with the right hand.

Richard Fain, Providence, R.I.

(Right!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Next time you have SUPERBOY travel back into time, how about having him visit one of the world's most famous generals—General Custer? SUPERBOY could have a terrific adventure with him when he made his last stand at the Little Big Horn. John Dwyer, Philadelphia, Pa.

(We'll file your suggestion away for a future project. In the meanwhile, see the March issue of ACTION COMICS, in which SUPERGIRL crashes through the time barrier and visits Annie Oakley, Betsy Ross and Pocahontas.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I find all your CONGORILLA stories very exciting. Why couldn't you give Janu some kind of magic ring so that he could exchange places with Congorilla's son? If my memory serves me correct, you introduced a white baby gorilla as Congorilla's son in a recent story. Thus, if you use the idea I suggest, we could see Congo Bill and Janu in action as a pair of intelligent gorillas. How about it? Marc Weinman, Jackson Heights, N.Y.

(A great idea, and we'll hatch your plot just as soon as we can dope out an explanation as to where the second pair of rings can come from.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In "Aqualad Goes to School," Aqualad refers to the ship, the MERRIMAC, as having been sunk by the MONITOR. Well, history tells us that neither ship was sunk, and that the battle was a draw. So confess you goofed.

Albert Golly, Bronx, N.Y.

(Golly, it looks as if ye editor is sunk! The same error was also detected by Ronald Sarti of Berkley, Mich.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: It is a known fact that when an ordinary person is in great pain or great danger, he can rise to the occasion because of the emergency and suddenly acquire "super-strength." For example, if a man is trapped in a wrecked car and sees his young son in danger, he can muster every ounce of strength and find himself suddenly strong enough to lift the car and free his son, even though he could never do the same feat under ordinary circumstances. Can't this be true of SUPERBOY, too? In other words, can you give us a story where SUPERBOY gets up and walks away from a piece of Kryptonite in order to save his father or mother? Leonard Henderson, Canyon, Texas.

(Could be possible. But we won't be able to use your idea for several months, until our readers have a chance to forget this gimmick.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: My friends and I have established a club called "D.C. Heroes of the Animal Kingdom Club." We started our club almost a year ago because we felt that the animals were not receiving enough recognition in your comics. It is our earnest hope that one of these days you will publish an Annual which features the adventures of Krypto, Streaky, Super-Monkey, Titano, etc.

Jeffrey Harelick, President, and Kenneth Jacobs, Vice-President, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(How many other readers would like to see a "Menagerie Issue" of our Annual?—Ed.)

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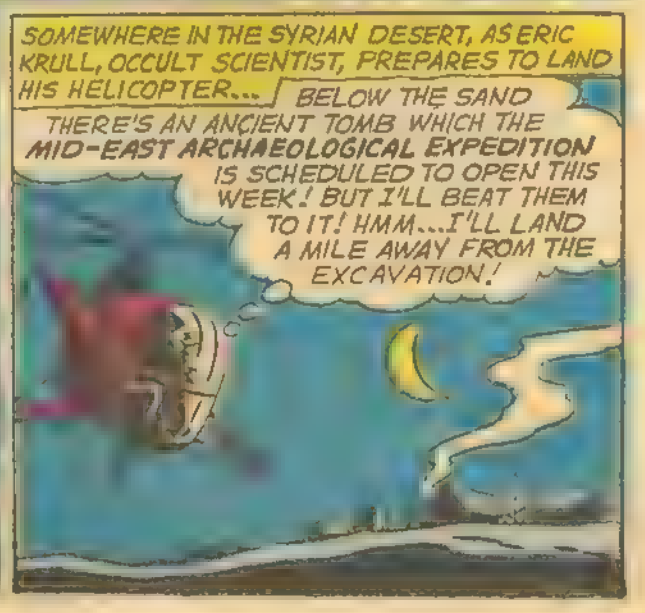
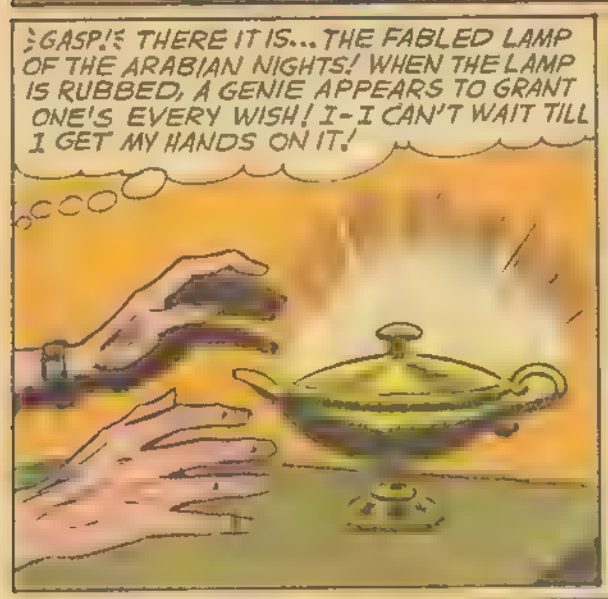
THROUGHOUT HISTORY THERE HAVE BEEN MANY LEGENDS CONCERNING MAGICAL OBJECTS! FOR INSTANCE... SINBAD'S MAGIC CARPET, WHICH ENABLED ITS OWNER TO FLY HIGH ABOVE THE TOWERS OF BAGDAD! THOR'S HAMMER WHICH FLASHED LIGHTNING EVERY TIME THE ANGERED NORSE GOD THREW IT TO THE GROUND... AND MANY, MANY MORE! HOWEVER, IN MODERN TIMES, THE MOST FAMOUS MAGICAL OBJECT IS THE RING WORN BY A HUGE, GOLDEN APE KNOWN AS CONGORILLA! BUT NOBODY KNOWS WHAT DOOM WOULD BEFALL THE INTELLIGENT MAN-APE IF HIS GORILLA RING EVER VANISHED! READ, THEN, THIS STARTLING TALE OF CONGORILLA'S FATE AS HE GIVES UP ALL HOPE OF FINDING...

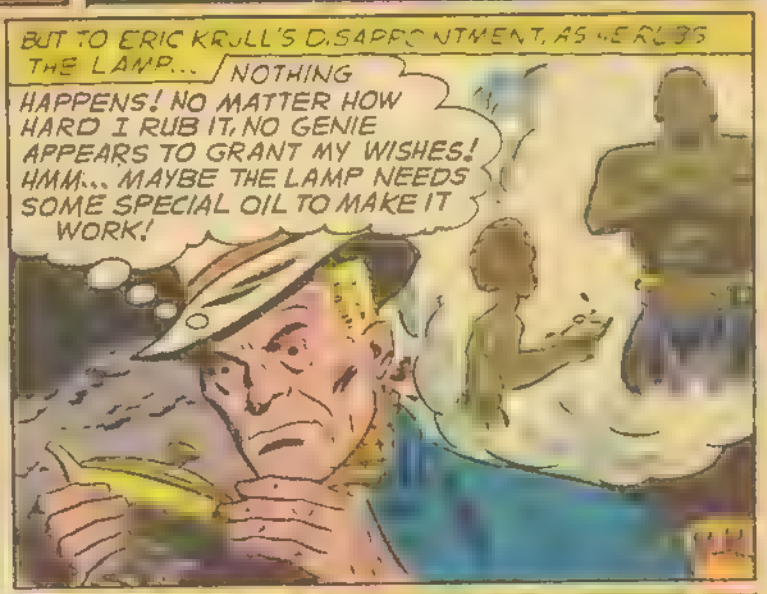
the LOST MAGIC RING!

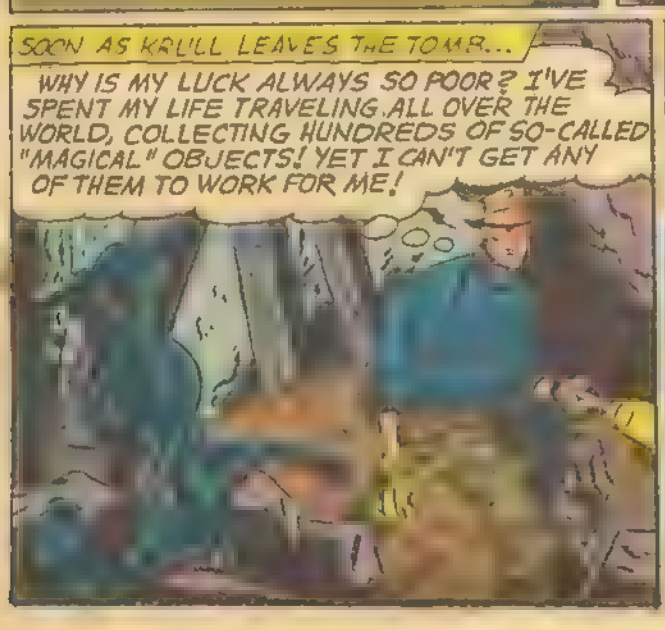


AN HOUR LATER, IN A MUSTY TUNNEL, AS KRULL SETS OFF AN EXPLOSION...
MY PLAN IS WORKING PERFECTLY! NOBODY SAW ME LAND MY HELICOPTER AND SNEAK THROUGH THE DARK TO THE EXCAVATION TUNNEL!
ARCHAEOLGICAL EXPEDITION DO NOT ENTER
KABOOOM!!

WHEN THE SMOKE FROM THE TNT BLAST LIFTS...
NOW TO ENTER THE ANCIENT TOMB RUMORED TO CONTAIN ALADDIN'S LEGENDARY MAGIC LAMP! I MUST STEAL IT BEFORE THE EXPEDITION BREAKS IN AND DISCOVERS THE RUMOR IS NO LIE!

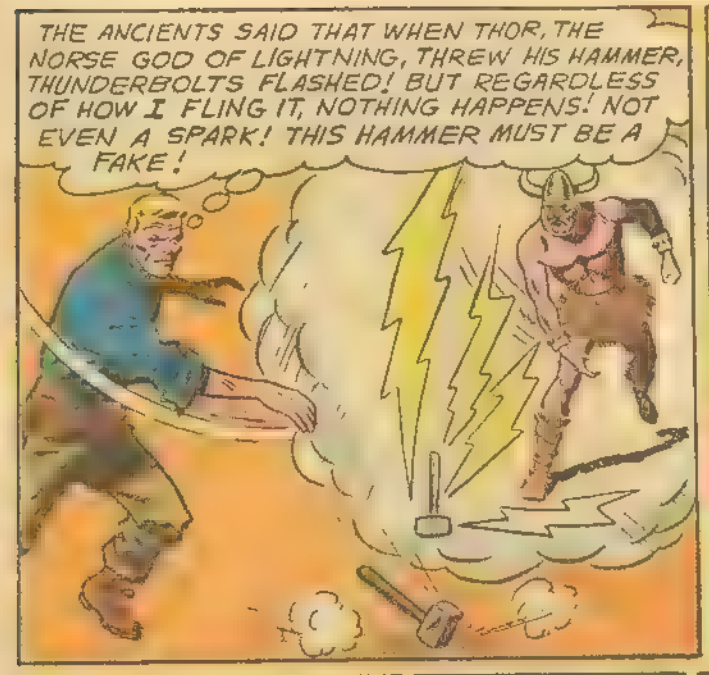

GASP! THERE IT IS... THE FABLED LAMP OF THE ARABIAN NIGHTS! WHEN THE LAMP IS RUBBED, A GENIE APPEARS TO GRANT ONE'S EVERY WISH! I-I CAN'T WAIT TILL I GET MY HANDS ON IT!


BUT TO ERIC KRULL'S DISAPPOINTMENT, AS HE RUBS THE LAMP...
NOTHING HAPPENS! NO MATTER HOW HARD I RUB IT, NO GENIE APPEARS TO GRANT MY WISHES! HMM... MAYBE THE LAMP NEEDS SOME SPECIAL OIL TO MAKE IT WORK!

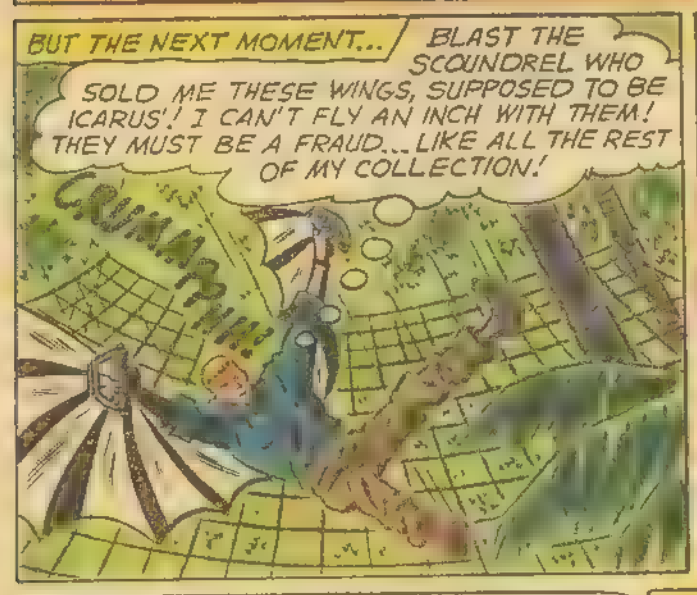

SOON AS KRULL LEAVES THE TOMB...
WHY IS MY LUCK ALWAYS SO POOR? I'VE SPENT MY LIFE TRAVELING ALL OVER THE WORLD, COLLECTING HUNDREDS OF SO-CALLED "MAGICAL" OBJECTS! YET I CAN'T GET ANY OF THEM TO WORK FOR ME!

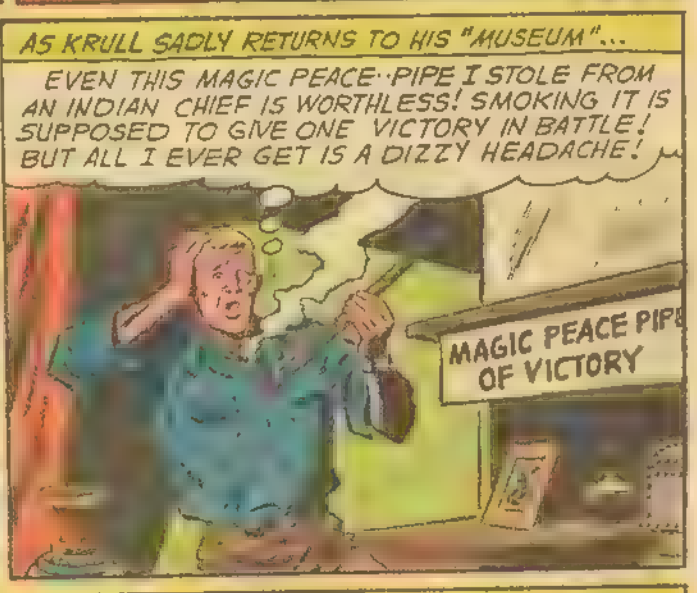
THEN, AS KRULL TAKES OFF IN HIS HELICOPTER...
BUT I MUSTN'T LOSE HOPE! WITH SPECIAL FUEL, MAYBE THE LAMP WILL PERFORM ITS ANCIENT MAGIC! I'LL STOP IN BAGDAD ON MY WAY HOME! MAYBE I'LL FIND THE RIGHT FUEL IN THE OLD CITY MADE FAMOUS BY THE ARABIAN NIGHTS!

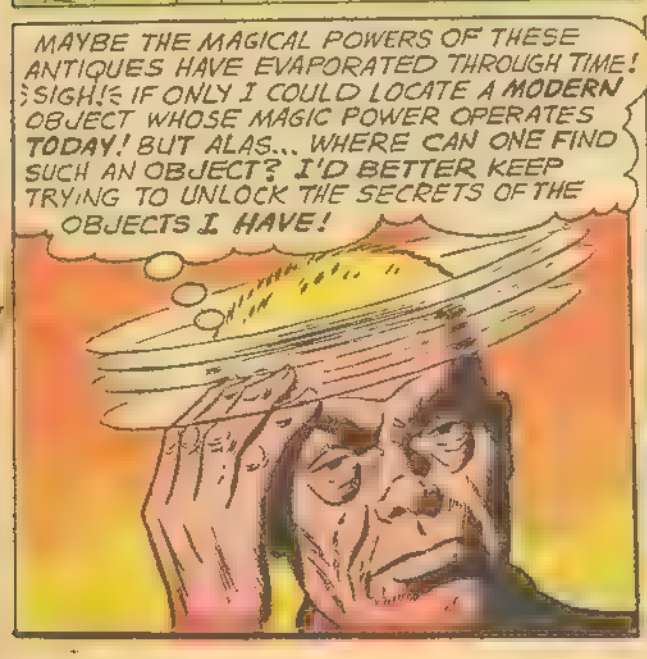
BUT THE NEXT DAY, IN A BAGDAD BAZAAR...
WELL, I BOUGHT SIX DIFFERENT FUELS! MAYBE ONE WILL WORK! HELLO... WHAT'S BEING AUCTIONED OFF THERE?
BEFORE YOU BID, FRIENDS, THINK OF IT! THIS RUG IS REPUTED TO BE SINBAD'S OWN MAGIC CARPET! CAN YOU NOT PICTURE HOW SINBAD FLEW OVER BAGDAD WITH IT AFTER UTTERING THE RIGHT MAGICAL WORD?
YES! YES! I BID FIFTY DINARS FOR THE RUG!
HMM... WHO CARES ABOUT SINBAD... I SEE MYSELF FLYING OVER THE CITY ON THAT MAGIC CARPET! I'LL OUTBID EVERYBODY FOR IT!
100 DINARS!
BUT ON ACQUIRING THE RUG, THE SAME ILL LUCK BEFALLS KRULL...
HOCUS-POCUS! ABRA-CADABRA! SESAME!
GROAN! I-IT'S NO USE! THE RUG WON'T RISE UP NO MATTER WHAT MAGIC WORDS I SAY! BUT I'D BETTER KEEP IT ON THE SLIGHT CHANCE THAT SOME DAY I MIGHT ACCIDENTALLY UTTER THE SECRET WORDS THAT'LL MAKE IT FLY!
A FEW DAYS LATER, AS KRULL SETS HIS HELICOPTER DOWN AT HIS CONGO JUNGLE HOME...
IT'S DEPRESSING! I COLLECT ALL KINDS OF OBJECTS RUMORED TO POSSESS MAGICAL POWERS... YET NONE PERFORM MAGIC FEATS! HAVE I BEEN SWINDLED EACH TIME? WILL THESE OBJECTS NEVER UNLEASH MAGIC FORCES BECAUSE THEY'RE ONLY FAKES?
SOON, INSIDE KRULL'S HOUSE...
ICARUS WINGS
I BOUGHT THESE ITEMS IN ATHENS LAST YEAR AS AUTHENTIC MAGIC RELICS! ACCORDING TO GREEK MYTHS, BACCHUS' WINE PITCHER SHOULD POUR FORTH WINE ENDLESSLY! BUT FOR ME, IT'S BONE DRY! LIKEWISE WITH THESEUS' CLOAK! ITS WEARER SHOULD BECOME INVISIBLE, BUT ON MY BACK, IT'S JUST AN UGLY-LOOKING CLOAK!
THOR'S HAMMER
MERCURY'S WINGED SHOES

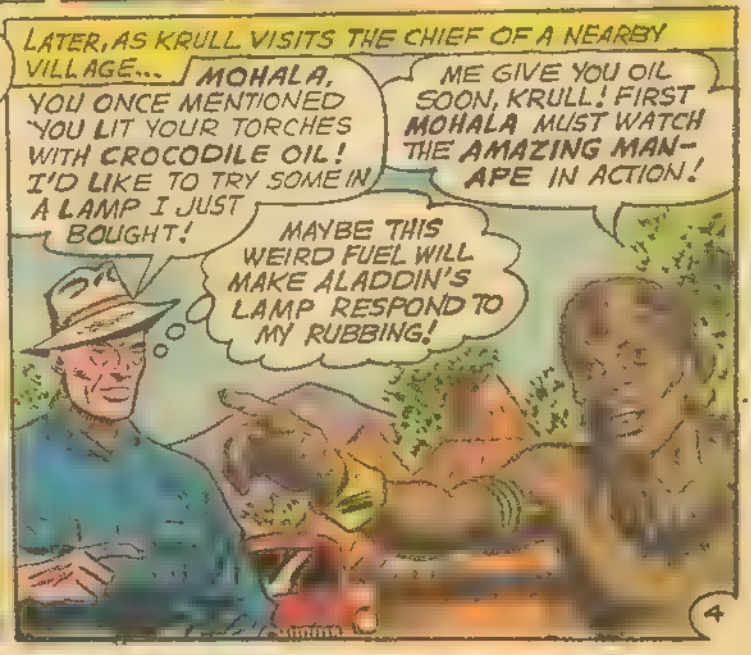

THE ANCIENTS SAID THAT WHEN THOR, THE NORSE GOD OF LIGHTNING, THREW HIS HAMMER, THUNDERBOLTS FLASHED! BUT REGARDLESS OF HOW I FLING IT, NOTHING HAPPENS! NOT EVEN A SPARK! THIS HAMMER MUST BE A FAKE!

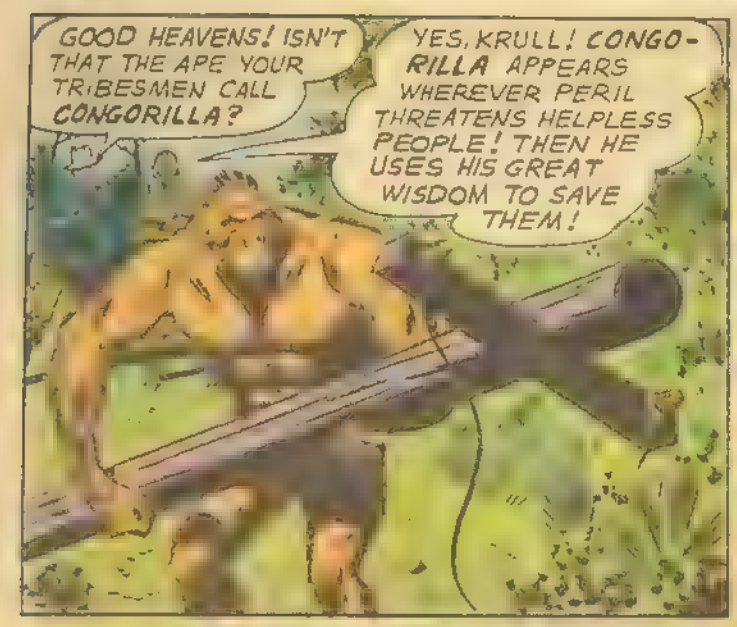
THEN, OUTSIDE, AS KRULL, FOR THE TWENTIETH TIME, TRIES OUT WHAT HE FOOLISHLY PURCHASED AS THE FABLED WINGS OF ICARUS...
ACCORDING TO GREEK LEGEND, ICARUS WAS KILLED BECAUSE HE FLEW TOO HIGH AND THE SUN MELTED HIS WINGS! BUT I'VE REPAIRED THE WINGS AND I'LL BE SATISFIED IF I SOAR ONLY A FEW THOUSAND FEET HIGH!

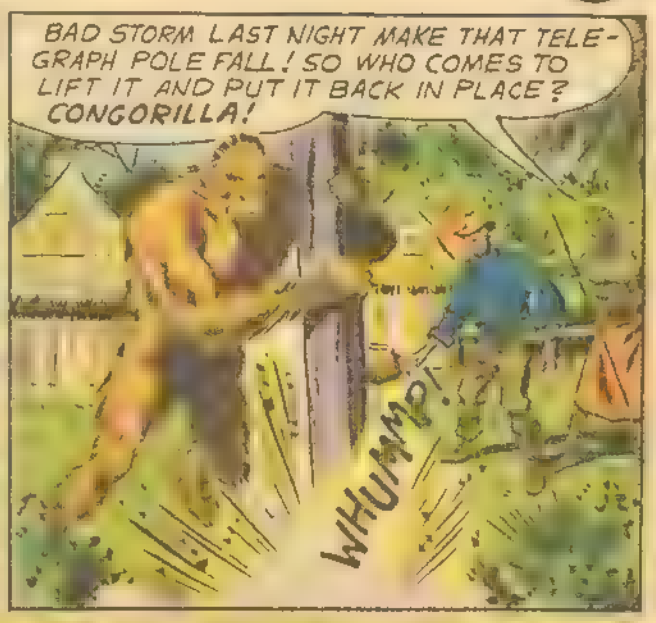

BUT THE NEXT MOMENT...
BLAST THE SCOUNDREL WHO SOLD ME THESE WINGS, SUPPOSED TO BE ICARUS'! I CAN'T FLY AN INCH WITH THEM! THEY MUST BE A FRAUD... LIKE ALL THE REST OF MY COLLECTION!

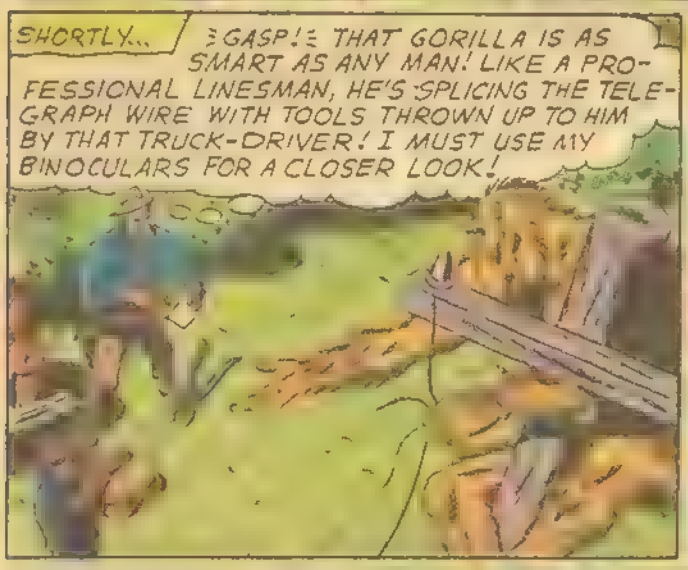

AS KRULL SADLY RETURNS TO HIS "MUSEUM"...
EVEN THIS MAGIC PEACE-PIPE I STOLE FROM AN INDIAN CHIEF IS WORTHLESS! SMOKING IT IS SUPPOSED TO GIVE ONE VICTORY IN BATTLE! BUT ALL I EVER GET IS A DIZZY HEADACHE!
MAGIC PEACE PIPE OF VICTORY

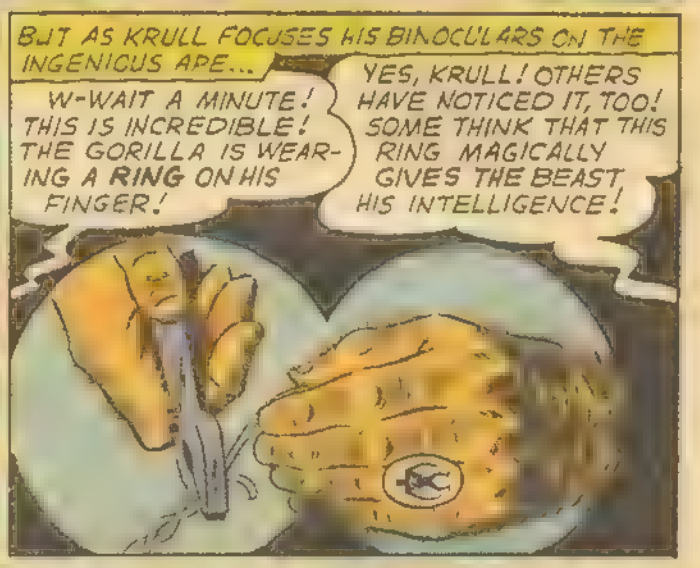

MAYBE THE MAGICAL POWERS OF THESE ANTIQUES HAVE EVAPORATED THROUGH TIME! SIGH! IF ONLY I COULD LOCATE A MODERN OBJECT WHOSE MAGIC POWER OPERATES TODAY! BUT ALAS... WHERE CAN ONE FIND SUCH AN OBJECT? I'D BETTER KEEP TRYING TO UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF THE OBJECTS I HAVE!

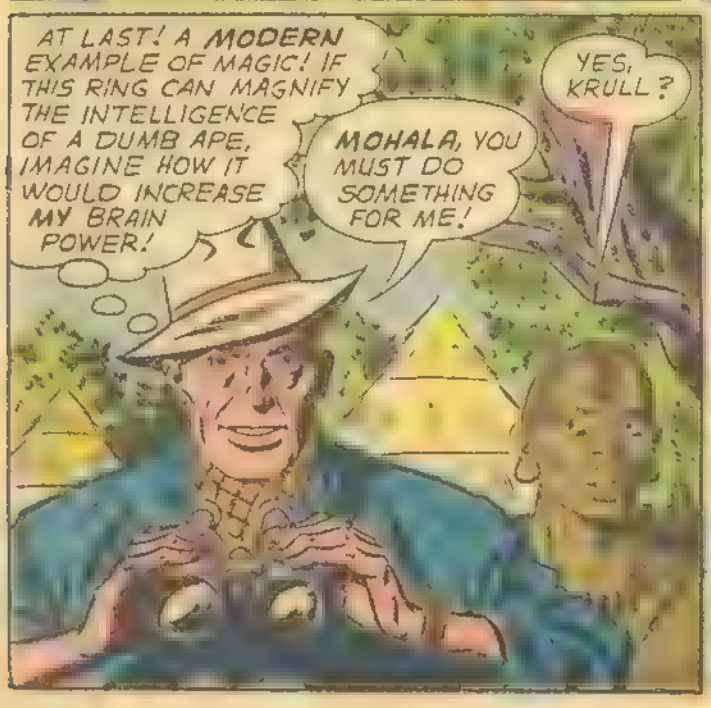

LATER, AS KRULL VISITS THE CHIEF OF A NEARBY VILLAGE...
MOHALA, YOU ONCE MENTIONED YOU LIT YOUR TORCHES WITH CROCODILE OIL! I'D LIKE TO TRY SOME IN A LAMP I JUST BOUGHT!
ME GIVE YOU OIL SOON, KRULL! FIRST MOHALA MUST WATCH THE AMAZING MAN-APE IN ACTION!
MAYBE THIS WEIRD FUEL WILL MAKE ALADDIN'S LAMP RESPOND TO MY RUBBING!

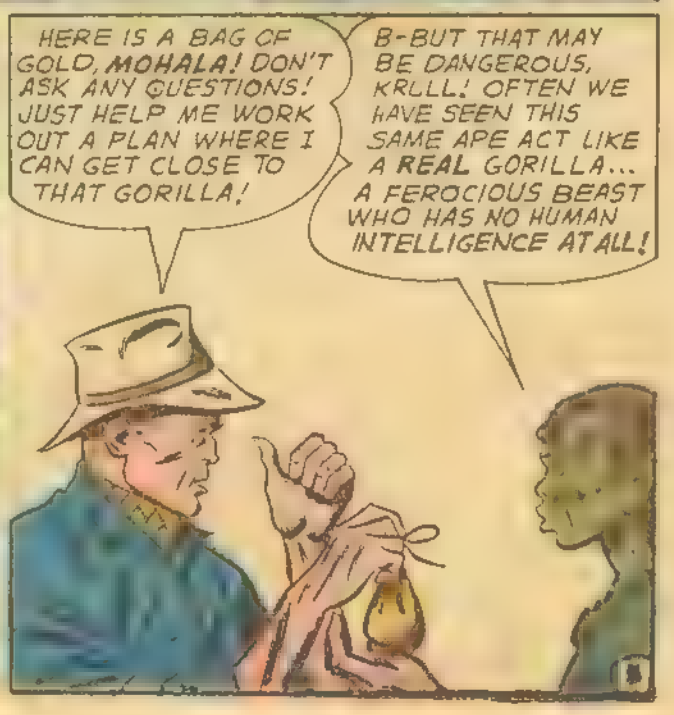

GOOD HEAVENS! ISN'T THAT THE APE YOUR TRIBESMEN CALL CONGORILLA?
YES, KRULL! CONGORILLA APPEARS WHEREVER PERIL THREATENS HELPLESS PEOPLE! THEN HE USES HIS GREAT WISDOM TO SAVE THEM!


BAD STORM LAST NIGHT MAKE THAT TELEGRAPH POLE FALL! SO WHO COMES TO LIFT IT AND PUT IT BACK IN PLACE? CONGORILLA!
WHUMP!

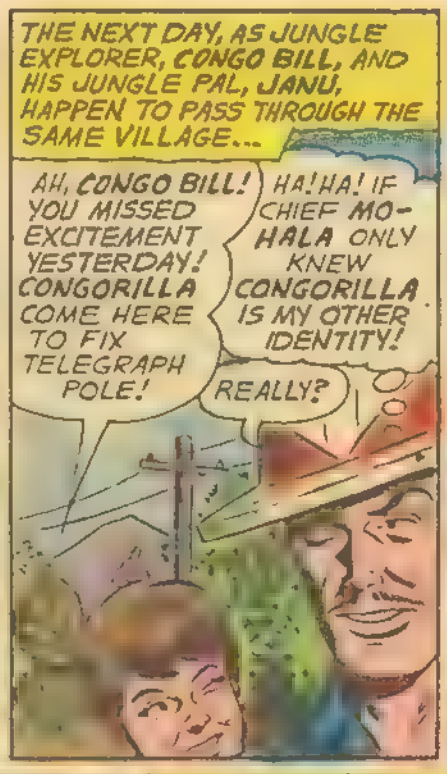

SHORTLY...
GASP! THAT GORILLA IS AS SMART AS ANY MAN! LIKE A PROFESSIONAL LINESMAN, HE'S SPLICING THE TELEGRAPH WIRE WITH TOOLS THROWN UP TO HIM BY THAT TRUCK-DRIVER! I MUST USE MY BINOCULARS FOR A CLOSER LOOK!

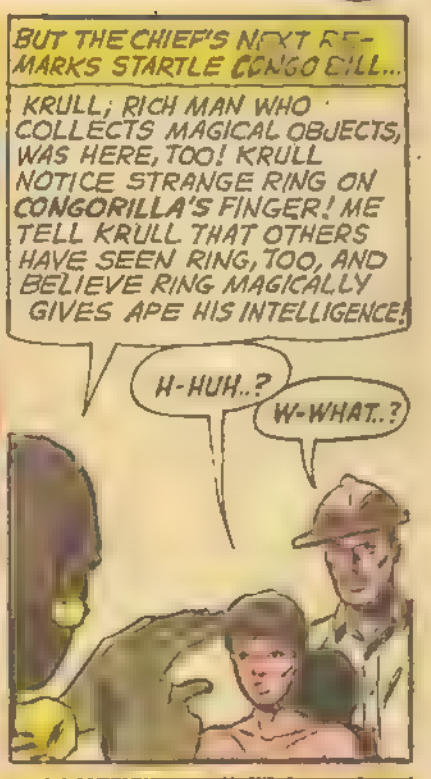

BUT AS KRULL FOCUSES HIS BINOCULARS ON THE INGENIOUS APE...
W-WAIT A MINUTE! THIS IS INCREDIBLE! THE GORILLA IS WEARING A RING ON HIS FINGER!
YES, KRULL! OTHERS HAVE NOTICED IT, TOO! SOME THINK THAT THIS RING MAGICALLY GIVES THE BEAST HIS INTELLIGENCE!

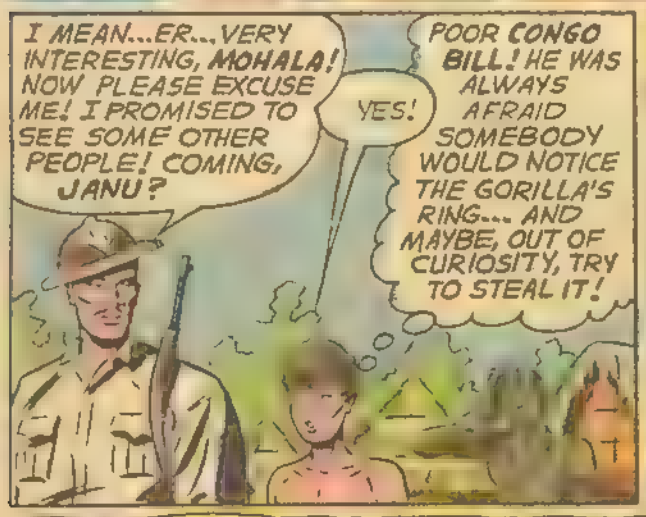

AT LAST! A MODERN EXAMPLE OF MAGIC! IF THIS RING CAN MAGNIFY THE INTELLIGENCE OF A DUMB APE, IMAGINE HOW IT WOULD INCREASE MY BRAIN POWER!
MOHALA, YOU MUST DO SOMETHING FOR ME!
YES, KRULL?

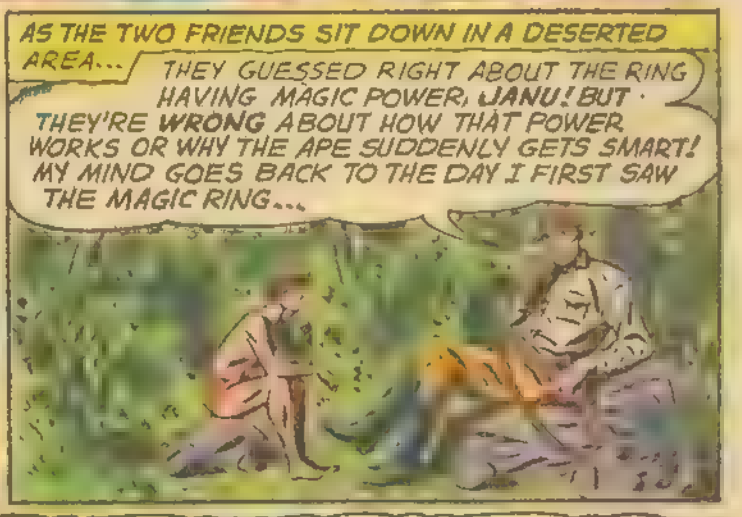

HERE IS A BAG OF GOLD, MOHALA! DON'T ASK ANY QUESTIONS! JUST HELP ME WORK OUT A PLAN WHERE I CAN GET CLOSE TO THAT GORILLA!
B-BUT THAT MAY BE DANGEROUS, KRULL! OFTEN WE HAVE SEEN THIS SAME APE ACT LIKE A REAL GORILLA... A FEROCIOUS BEAST WHO HAS NO HUMAN INTELLIGENCE AT ALL!

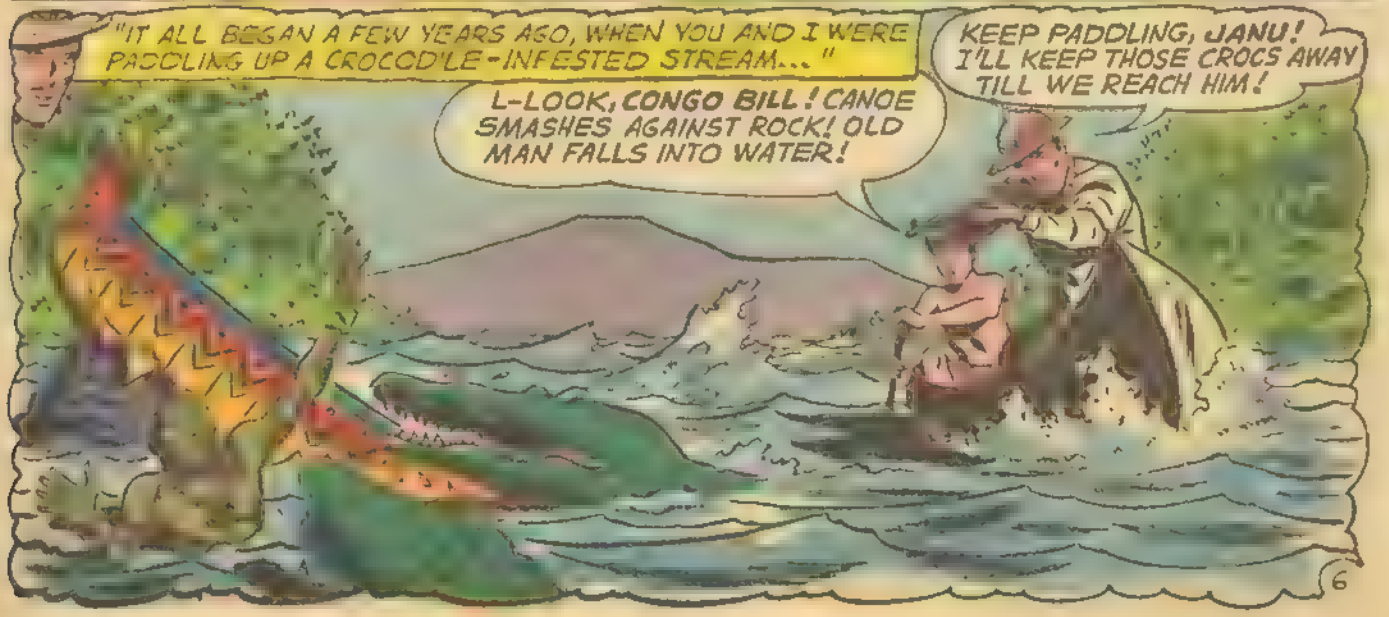
HMM... MAYBE HE OCCASIONALLY BEHAVES LIKE A DUMB BRUTE BECAUSE THE MAGICAL POWER OF THE RING MAY WEAKEN AT TIMES! BUT WHO CARES? IF I GOT THAT RING, I'D BECOME THE SMARTEST MAN ON EARTH!
STOP WORRYING, MOHALA! HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL DO...
ER... SPEAK, KRULL!

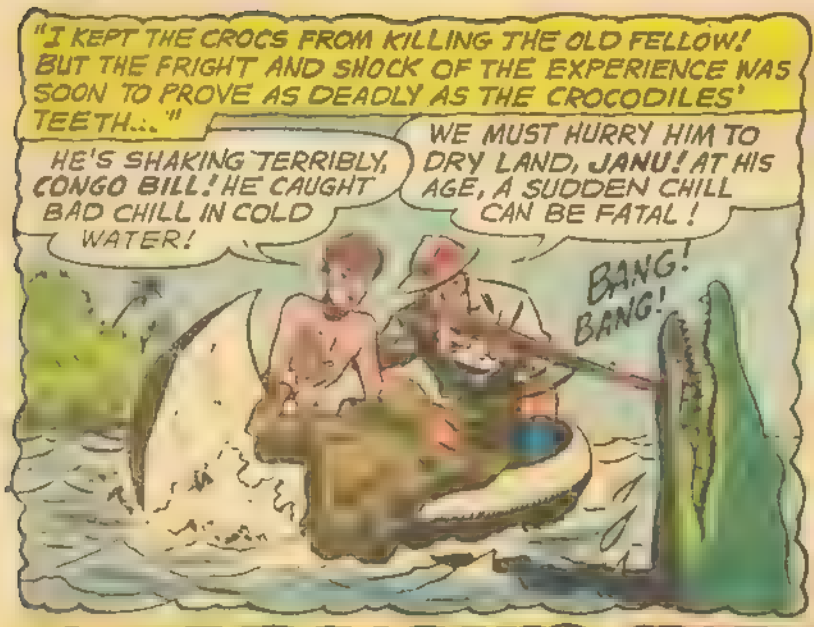

THE NEXT DAY, AS JUNGLE EXPLORER, CONGO BILL, AND HIS JUNGLE PAL, JANU, HAPPEN TO PASS THROUGH THE SAME VILLAGE...
AH, CONGO BILL! YOU MISSED EXCITEMENT YESTERDAY! CONGORILLA COME HERE TO FIX TELEGRAPH POLE!
HA! HA! IF CHIEF MOHALA ONLY KNEW CONGORILLA IS MY OTHER IDENTITY!
REALLY?

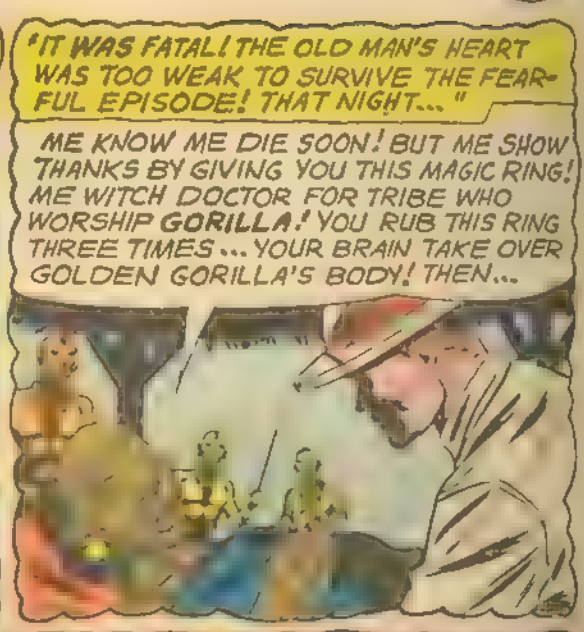

BUT THE CHIEF'S NEXT REMARKS STARTLE CONGO BILL...
KRULL, RICH MAN WHO COLLECTS MAGICAL OBJECTS, WAS HERE, TOO! KRULL NOTICE STRANGE RING ON CONGORILLA'S FINGER! ME TELL KRULL THAT OTHERS HAVE SEEN RING, TOO, AND BELIEVE RING MAGICALLY GIVES APE HIS INTELLIGENCE!
H-HUH..?
W-WHAT..?


I MEAN...ER...VERY INTERESTING, MOHALA! NOW PLEASE EXCUSE ME! I PROMISED TO SEE SOME OTHER PEOPLE! COMING, JANU?
YES!
POOR CONGO BILL! HE WAS ALWAYS AFRAID SOMEBODY WOULD NOTICE THE GORILLA'S RING... AND MAYBE, OUT OF CURIOSITY, TRY TO STEAL IT!

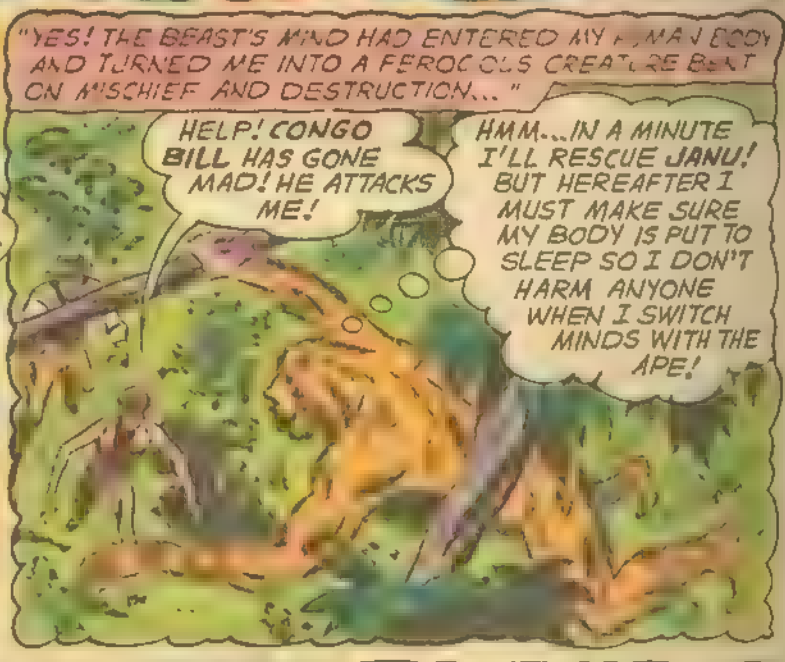

AS THE TWO FRIENDS SIT DOWN IN A DESERTED AREA...
THEY GUESSED RIGHT ABOUT THE RING HAVING MAGIC POWER, JANU! BUT THEY'RE WRONG ABOUT HOW THAT POWER WORKS OR WHY THE APE SUDDENLY GETS SMART! MY MIND GOES BACK TO THE DAY I FIRST SAW THE MAGIC RING...

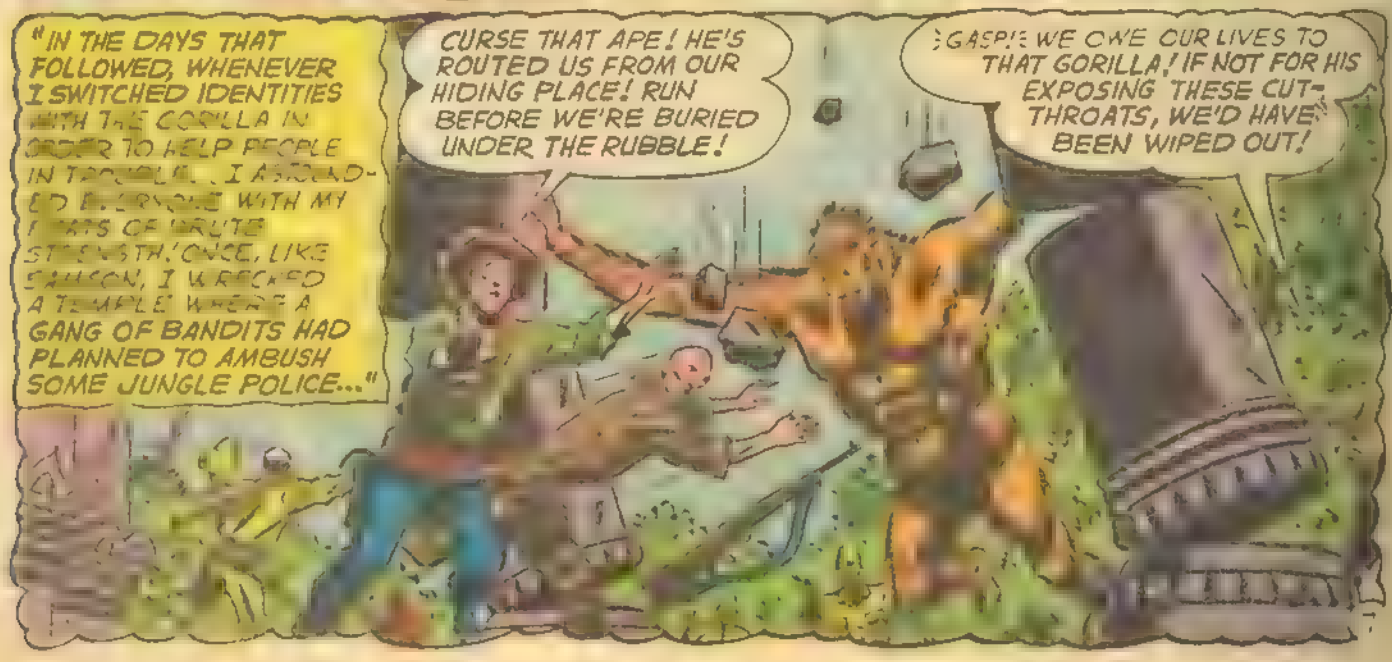

"IT ALL BEGAN A FEW YEARS AGO, WHEN YOU AND I WERE PADDLING UP A CROCODILE-INFESTED STREAM..."
L-LOOK, CONGO BILL! CANOE SMASHES AGAINST ROCK! OLD MAN FALLS INTO WATER!
KEEP PADDLING, JANU! I'LL KEEP THOSE CROCS AWAY TILL WE REACH HIM!

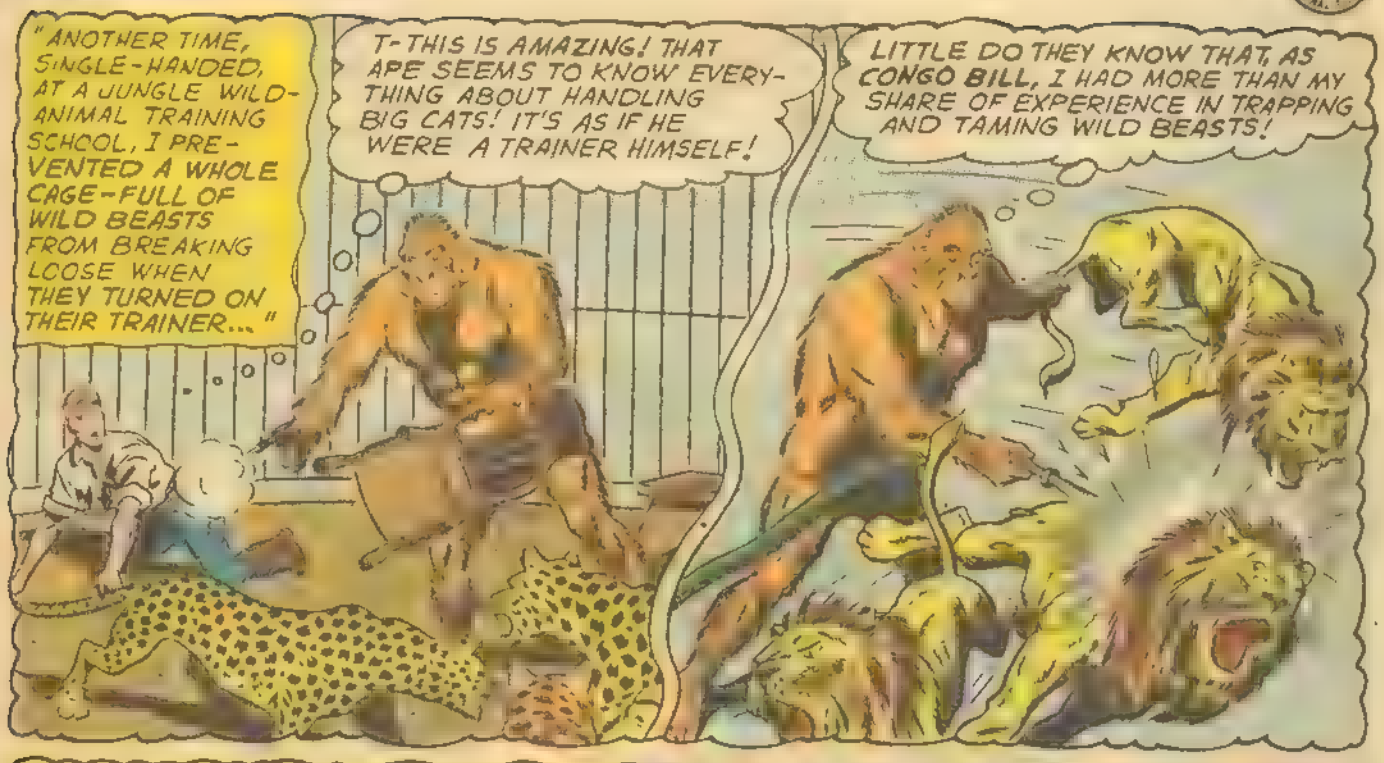

"I KEPT THE CROCS FROM KILLING THE OLD FELLOW! BUT THE FRIGHT AND SHOCK OF THE EXPERIENCE WAS SOON TO PROVE AS DEADLY AS THE CROCODILES' TEETH..."
HE'S SHAKING TERRIBLY, CONGO BILL! HE CAUGHT BAD CHILL IN COLD WATER!
WE MUST HURRY HIM TO DRY LAND, JANU! AT HIS AGE, A SUDDEN CHILL CAN BE FATAL!
BANG! BANG!


"IT WAS FATAL! THE OLD MAN'S HEART WAS TOO WEAK TO SURVIVE THE FEARFUL EPISODE! THAT NIGHT..."
ME KNOW ME DIE SOON! BUT ME SHOW THANKS BY GIVING YOU THIS MAGIC RING! ME WITCH DOCTOR FOR TRIBE WHO WORSHIP GORILLA! YOU RUB THIS RING THREE TIMES ... YOUR BRAIN TAKE OVER GOLDEN GORILLA'S BODY! THEN...

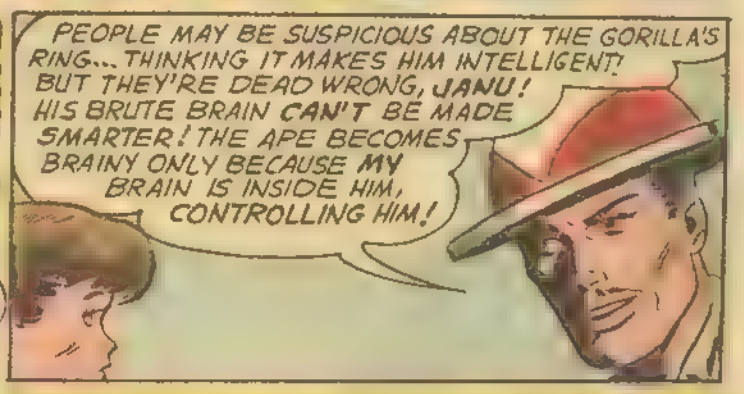
"AT FIRST, I REGARDED THE WITCH DOCTOR'S WORDS AS THE RAVINGS OF A DELIRIOUS MAN! BUT AFTER HE DIED, OUT OF CURIOSITY, I RUBBED THE RING! TO MY AMAZEMENT..."
M-MY MIND HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE BODY OF THIS GOLDEN GORILLA! ¡GASP!¡ THEN THE APE'S MIND MUST BE...

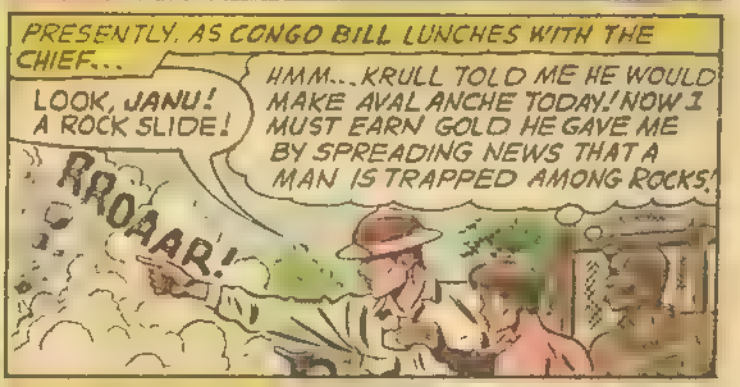

"YES! THE BEAST'S MIND HAD ENTERED MY HUMAN BODY AND TURNED ME INTO A FEROCIOUS CREATURE BENT ON MISCHIEF AND DESTRUCTION..."
HELP! CONGO BILL HAS GONE MAD! HE ATTACKS ME!
HMM...IN A MINUTE I'LL RESCUE JANU! BUT HEREAFTER I MUST MAKE SURE MY BODY IS PUT TO SLEEP SO I DON'T HARM ANYONE WHEN I SWITCH MINDS WITH THE APE!

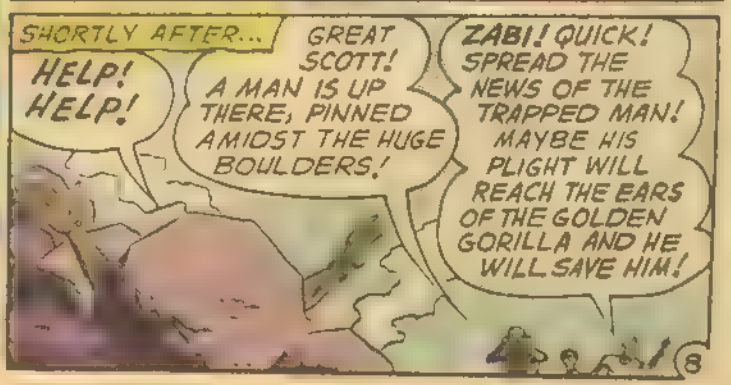

"IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, WHENEVER I SWITCHED IDENTITIES WITH THE GORILLA IN ORDER TO HELP PEOPLE IN TROUBLE, I ASTOUNDED everyone WITH MY FEATS OF BRUTE STRENGTH! ONCE, LIKE SAMSON, I WRECKED A TEMPLE WHERE A GANG OF BANDITS HAD PLANNED TO AMBUSH SOME JUNGLE POLICE..."
CURSE THAT APE! HE'S ROUTED US FROM OUR HIDING PLACE! RUN BEFORE WE'RE BURIED UNDER THE RUBBLE!
¡GASP!¡ WE OWE OUR LIVES TO THAT GORILLA! IF NOT FOR HIS EXPOSING THESE CUT-THROATS, WE'D HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT!

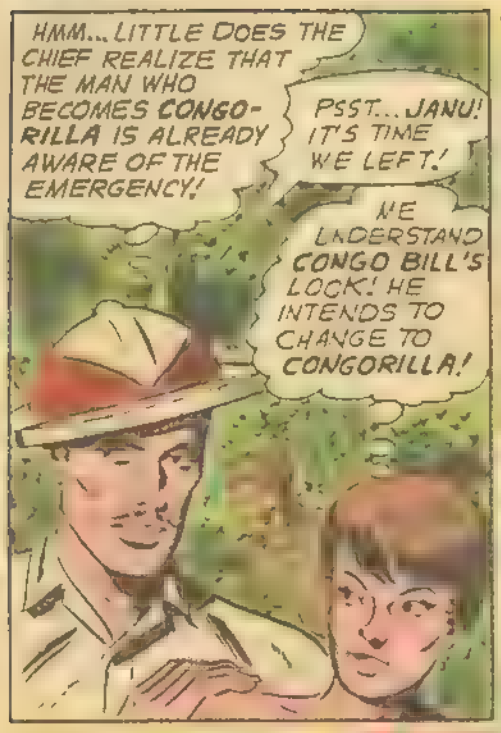

"ANOTHER TIME, SINGLE-HANDED, AT A JUNGLE WILD-ANIMAL TRAINING SCHOOL, I PREVENTED A WHOLE CAGE-FULL OF WILD BEASTS FROM BREAKING LOOSE WHEN THEY TURNED ON THEIR TRAINER..."
T-THIS IS AMAZING! THAT APE SEEMS TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT HANDLING BIG CATS! IT'S AS IF HE WERE A TRAINER HIMSELF!
LITTLE DO THEY KNOW THAT, AS CONGO BILL, I HAD MORE THAN MY SHARE OF EXPERIENCE IN TRAPPING AND TAMING WILD BEASTS!

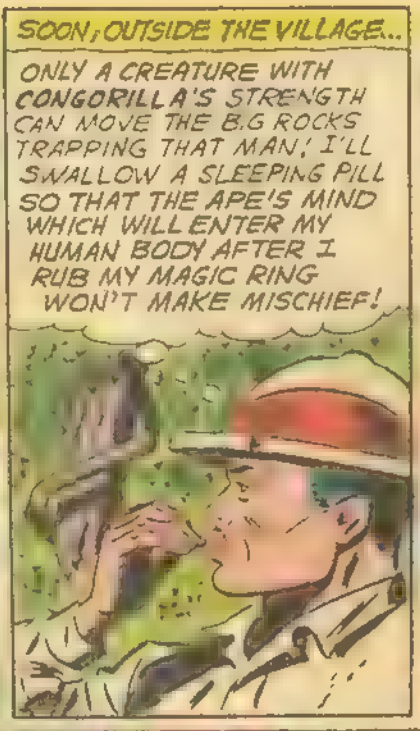
"GRADUALLY I BECAME KNOWN AS CONGO-RILLA, THE AMAZING MAN-APE, WHO ASTONISHED EVERYONE WITH HIS INTELLIGENCE AS WELL AS HIS STRENGTH..."
LOOK! THAT APE IS MANIPULATING THE DIALS, CORRECTING THE ROCKETS COURSE! NOW IT'LL GO INTO ORBIT!
THANK GOODNESS I TOOK THIS RENEGADE SCIENTIST'S PLACE AT THE CONTROL PANEL BEFORE HE COULD WRECK THE TAKE-OFF!

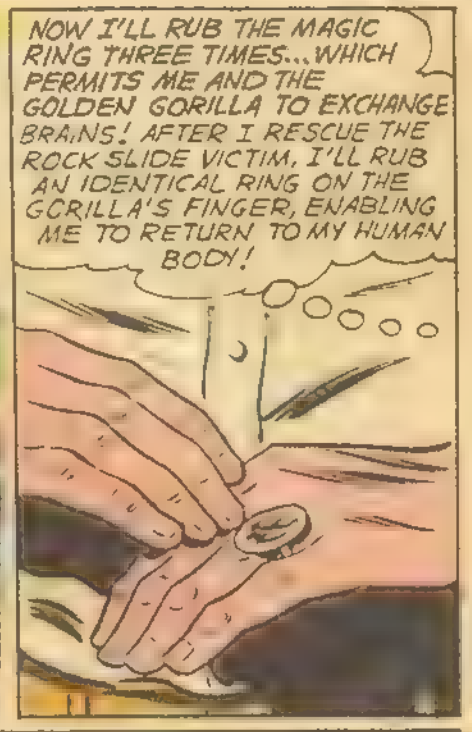

PEOPLE MAY BE SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THE GORILLA'S RING... THINKING IT MAKES HIM INTELLIGENT! BUT THEY'RE DEAD WRONG, JANU! HIS BRUTE BRAIN CAN'T BE MADE SMARTER! THE APE BECOMES BRAINY ONLY BECAUSE MY BRAIN IS INSIDE HIM, CONTROLLING HIM!


PRESENTLY, AS CONGO BILL LUNCHES WITH THE CHIEF...
LOOK, JANU! A ROCK SLIDE!
HMM... KRULL TOLD ME HE WOULD MAKE AVALANCHE TODAY! NOW I MUST EARN GOLD HE GAVE ME BY SPREADING NEWS THAT A MAN IS TRAPPED AMONG ROCKS!
RROAAR!

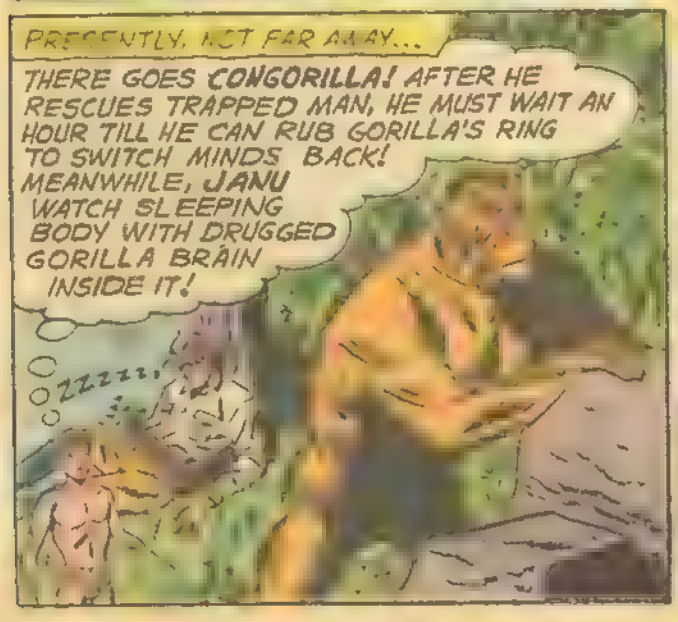

SHORTLY AFTER...
HELP! HELP!
GREAT SCOTT! A MAN IS UP THERE, PINNED AMIDST THE HUGE BOULDERS!
ZABI! QUICK! SPREAD THE NEWS OF THE TRAPPED MAN! MAYBE HIS PLIGHT WILL REACH THE EARS OF THE GOLDEN GORILLA AND HE WILL SAVE HIM!


HMM... LITTLE DOES THE CHIEF REALIZE THAT THE MAN WHO BECOMES CONGO-RILLA IS ALREADY AWARE OF THE EMERGENCY!
PSST... JANU! IT'S TIME WE LEFT!
WE UNDERSTAND CONGO BILL'S LOCK! HE INTENDS TO CHANGE TO CONGORILLA!


SOON, OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE...
ONLY A CREATURE WITH CONGORILLA'S STRENGTH CAN MOVE THE BIG ROCKS TRAPPING THAT MAN! I'LL SWALLOW A SLEEPING PILL SO THAT THE APE'S MIND WHICH WILL ENTER MY HUMAN BODY AFTER I RUB MY MAGIC RING WON'T MAKE MISCHIEF!


NOW I'LL RUB THE MAGIC RING THREE TIMES... WHICH PERMITS ME AND THE GOLDEN GORILLA TO EXCHANGE BRAINS! AFTER I RESCUE THE ROCK SLIDE VICTIM, I'LL RUB AN IDENTICAL RING ON THE GORILLA'S FINGER, ENABLING ME TO RETURN TO MY HUMAN BODY!

AN INSTANT LATER, ELSEWHERE IN THE JUNGLE...
THE MAGIC WORKED, AS USUAL! MY HUMAN BRAIN HAS NOW TAKEN OVER THIS BEASTS BODY WHILE THE SAVAGE APE'S MIND IS TRANSFERRED TO MY BODY! NOW TO CLIMB THAT MOUNTAIN SLOPE...


PRESENTLY, NOT FAR AWAY...
THERE GOES CONGORILLA! AFTER HE RESCUES TRAPPED MAN, HE MUST WAIT AN HOUR TILL HE CAN RUB GORILLA'S RING TO SWITCH MINDS BACK! MEANWHILE, JANU WATCH SLEEPING BODY WITH DRUGGED GORILLA BRAIN INSIDE IT!
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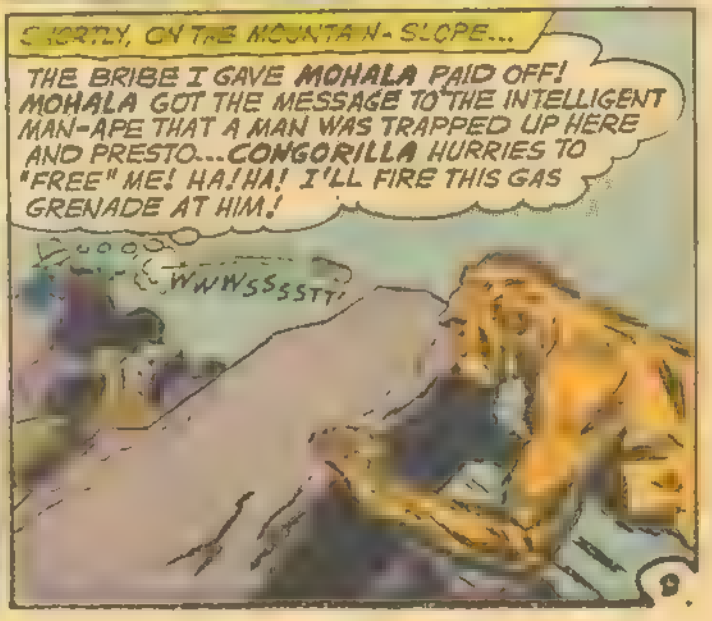
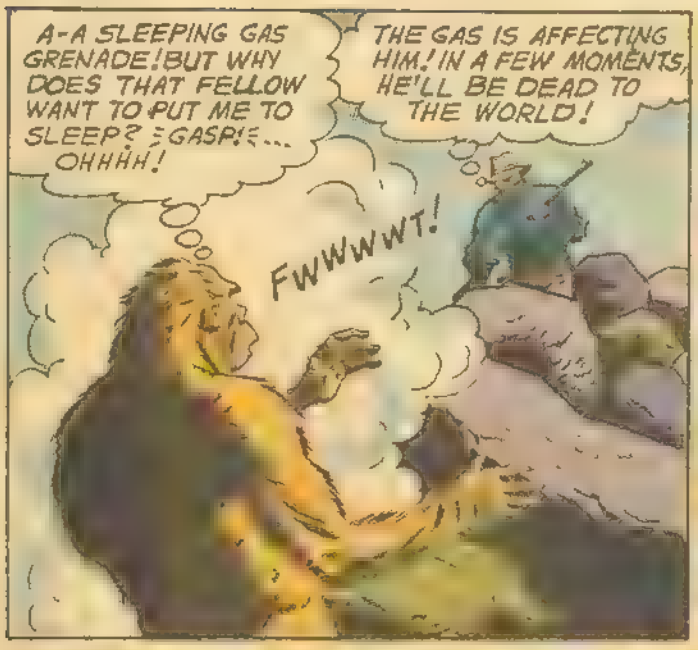
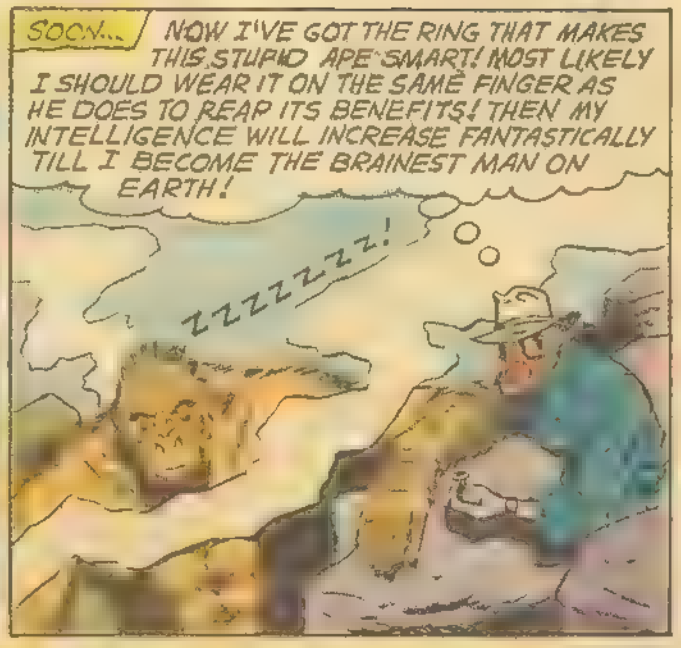
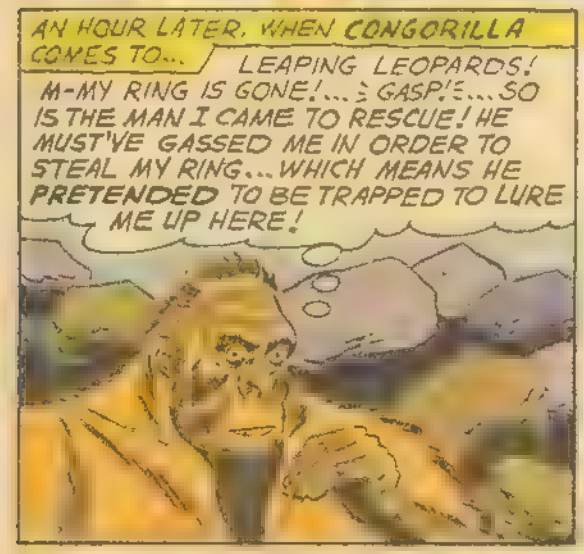
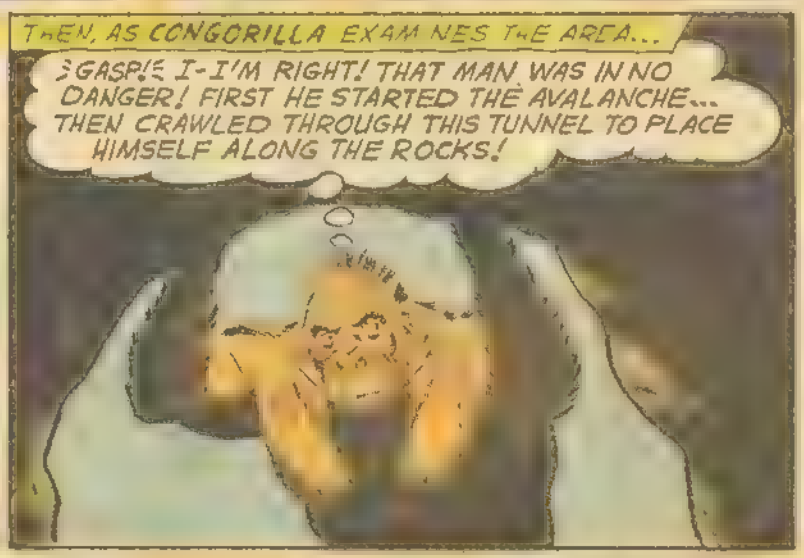

SHORTLY, ON THE MOUNTAIN-SLOPE...
THE BRIBE I GAVE MOHALA PAID OFF! MOHALA GOT THE MESSAGE TO THE INTELLIGENT MAN-APE THAT A MAN WAS TRAPPED UP HERE AND PRESTO... CONGORILLA HURRIES TO "FREE" ME! HA! HA! I'LL FIRE THIS GAS GRENADE AT HIM!
WWWSSSSTT!


A-A SLEEPING GAS GRENADE! BUT WHY DOES THAT FELLOW WANT TO PUT ME TO SLEEP? ≤GASP!≥... OHHHH!
THE GAS IS AFFECTING HIM! IN A FEW MOMENTS, HE'LL BE DEAD TO THE WORLD!
FWWWWT!

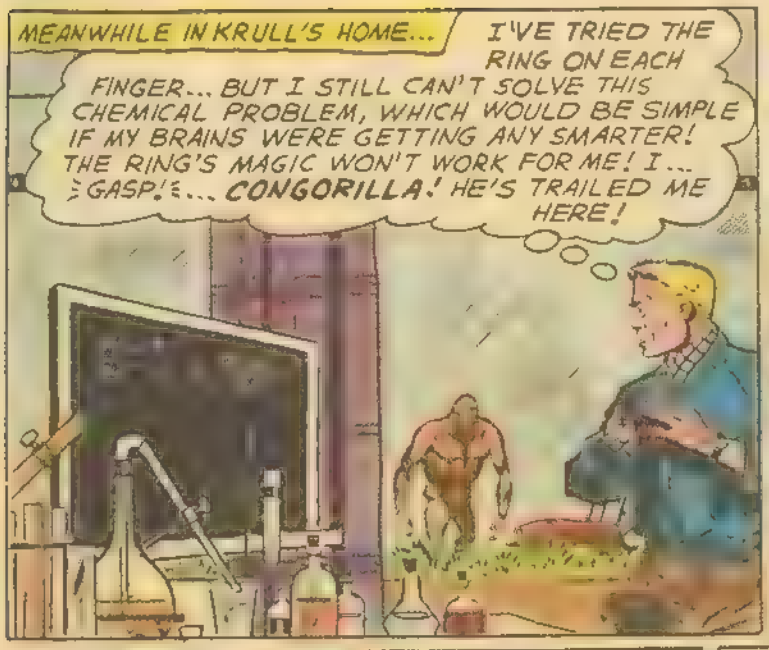

SOON...
NOW I'VE GOT THE RING THAT MAKES THIS STUPID APE SMART! MOST LIKELY I SHOULD WEAR IT ON THE SAME FINGER AS HE DOES TO REAP ITS BENEFITS! THEN MY INTELLIGENCE WILL INCREASE FANTASTICALLY TILL I BECOME THE BRAINEST MAN ON EARTH!
ZZZZZZZ!

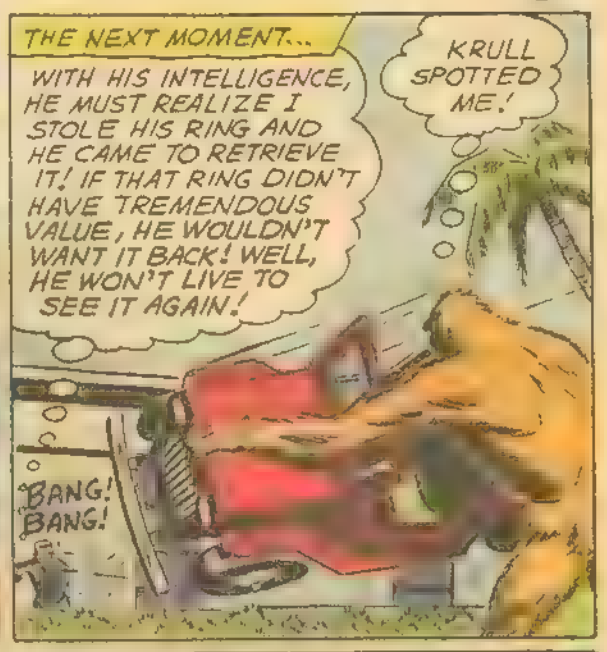

AN HOUR LATER, WHEN CONGORILLA COMES TO...
LEAPING LEOPARDS! M-MY RING IS GONE!... ≤GASP!≥... SO IS THE MAN I CAME TO RESCUE! HE MUST'VE GASSED ME IN ORDER TO STEAL MY RING... WHICH MEANS HE PRETENDED TO BE TRAPPED TO LURE ME UP HERE!

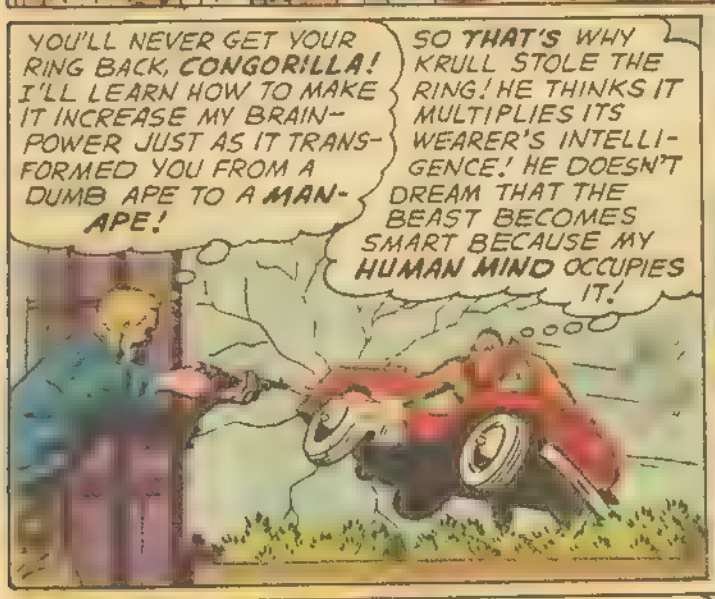

THEN, AS CONGORILLA EXAMINES THE AREA...
≤GASP!≥ I-I'M RIGHT! THAT MAN WAS IN NO DANGER! FIRST HE STARTED THE AVALANCHE... THEN CRAWLED THROUGH THIS TUNNEL TO PLACE HIMSELF ALONG THE ROCKS!

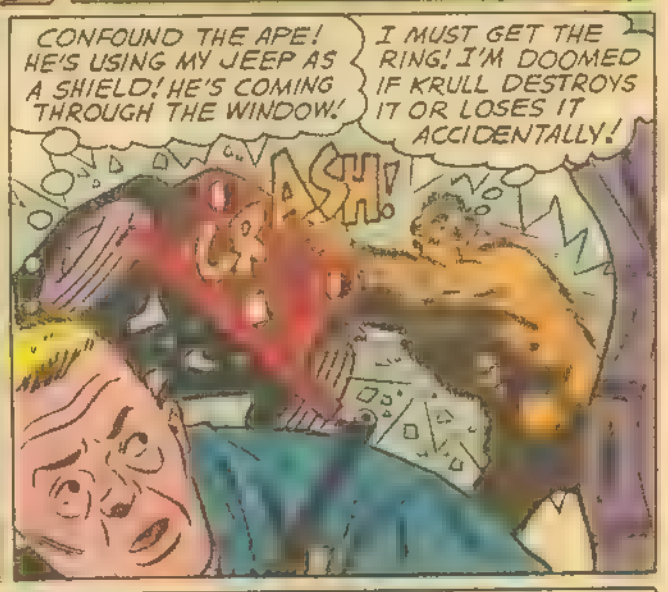
THEN, AFTER HE STOLE MY RING, HE ESCAPED THROUGH THIS SAME TUNNEL! WELL, ALL I KNOW IS THAT I MUST GET THAT RING BACK! WITHOUT IT, I CAN'T RETURN TO MY CONGO BILL IDENTITY! I'LL BE TRAPPED INSIDE THIS APE'S BODY UNTIL I DIE!

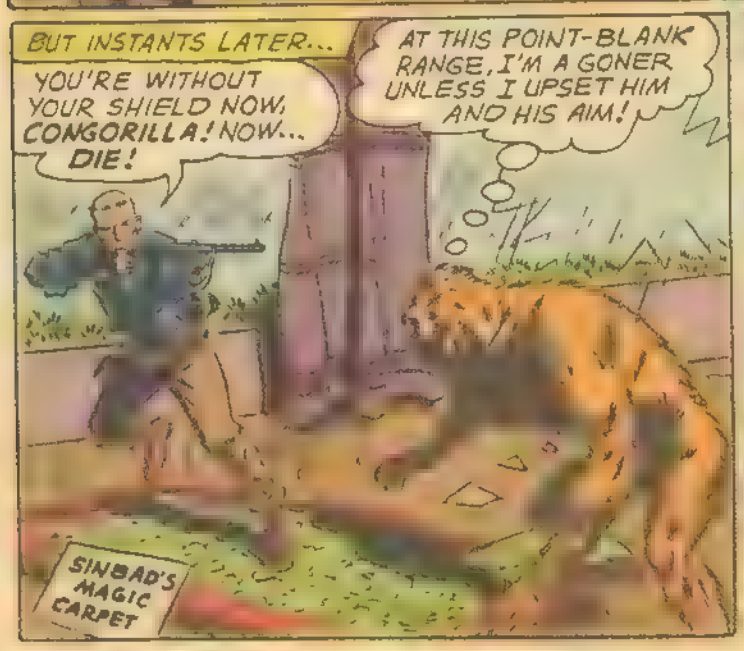
TEN MINUTES LATER...
FUNNY! THAT'S ERIC KRULL'S HOME! HE'S THE MILLIONAIRE, MOHALA MENTIONED... WHOSE HOBBY IS COLLECTING MAGICAL OBJECTS! I NEVER MET KRULL... BUT HE MAY HAVE STOLEN MY RING, THINKING IT HAD MAGIC PROPERTIES! ANYWAY, I'LL SOON FIND OUT!

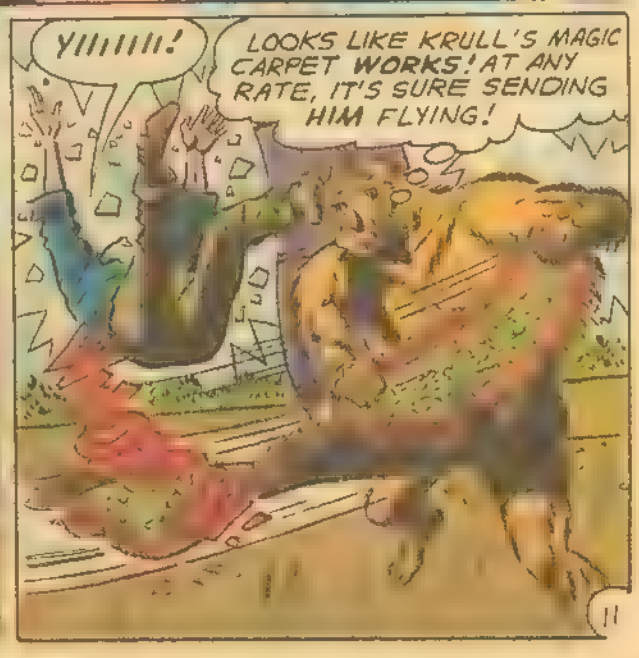

MEANWHILE IN KRULL'S HOME...
I'VE TRIED THE RING ON EACH FINGER... BUT I STILL CAN'T SOLVE THIS CHEMICAL PROBLEM, WHICH WOULD BE SIMPLE IF MY BRAINS WERE GETTING ANY SMARTER! THE RING'S MAGIC WON'T WORK FOR ME! I... GASP! ... CONGORILLA! HE'S TRAILED ME HERE!

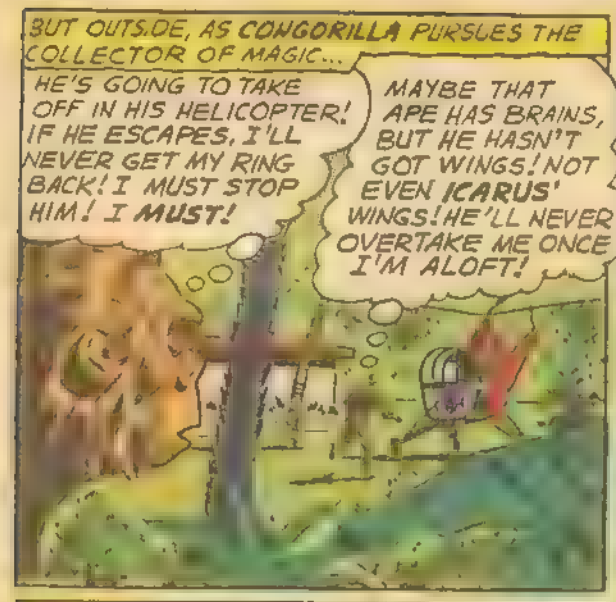

THE NEXT MOMENT...
WITH HIS INTELLIGENCE, HE MUST REALIZE I STOLE HIS RING AND HE CAME TO RETRIEVE IT! IF THAT RING DIDN'T HAVE TREMENDOUS VALUE, HE WOULDN'T WANT IT BACK! WELL, HE WON'T LIVE TO SEE IT AGAIN!
KRULL SPOTTED ME!
BANG! BANG!

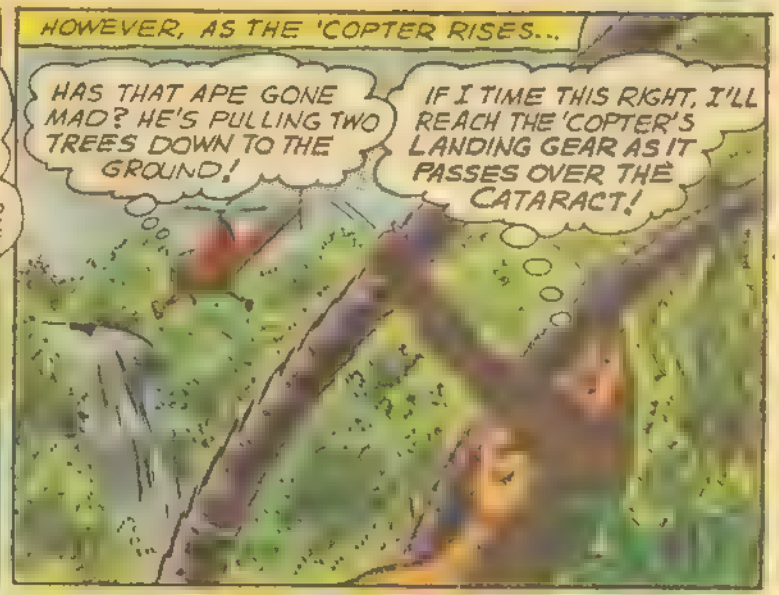

YOU'LL NEVER GET YOUR RING BACK, CONGORILLA! I'LL LEARN HOW TO MAKE IT INCREASE MY BRAIN-POWER JUST AS IT TRANSFORMED YOU FROM A DUMB APE TO A MAN-APE!
SO THAT'S WHY KRULL STOLE THE RING! HE THINKS IT MULTIPLIES ITS WEARER'S INTELLIGENCE! HE DOESN'T DREAM THAT THE BEAST BECOMES SMART BECAUSE MY HUMAN MIND OCCUPIES IT!

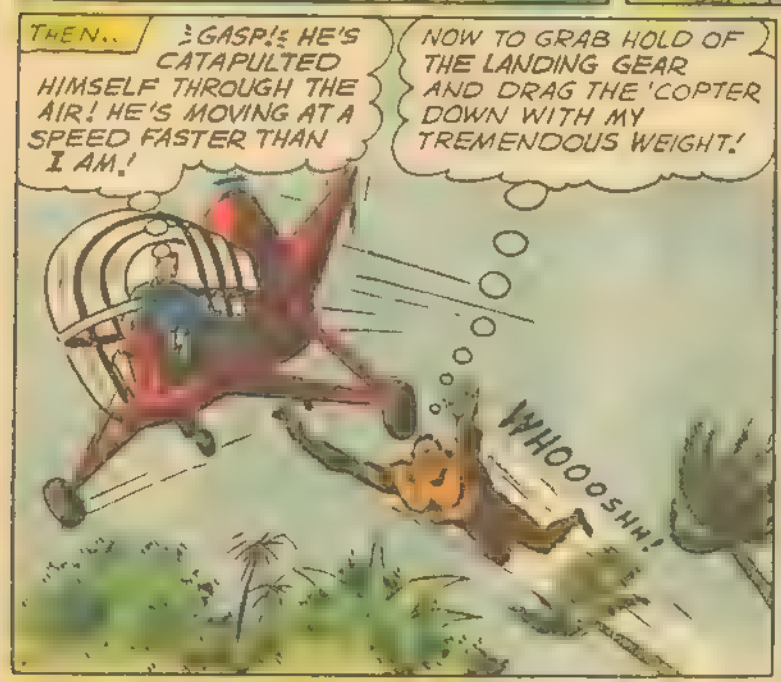

CONFOUND THE APE! HE'S USING MY JEEP AS A SHIELD! HE'S COMING THROUGH THE WINDOW!
I MUST GET THE RING! I'M DOOMED IF KRULL DESTROYS IT OR LOSES IT ACCIDENTALLY!
ASH!

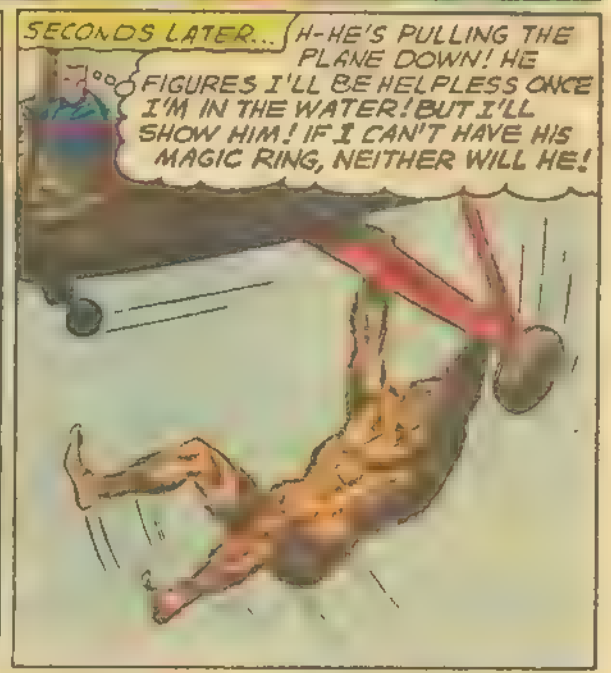

BUT INSTANTS LATER...
YOU'RE WITHOUT YOUR SHIELD NOW, CONGORILLA! NOW... DIE!
AT THIS POINT-BLANK RANGE, I'M A GONER UNLESS I UPSET HIM AND HIS AIM!
SINBAD'S MAGIC CARPET

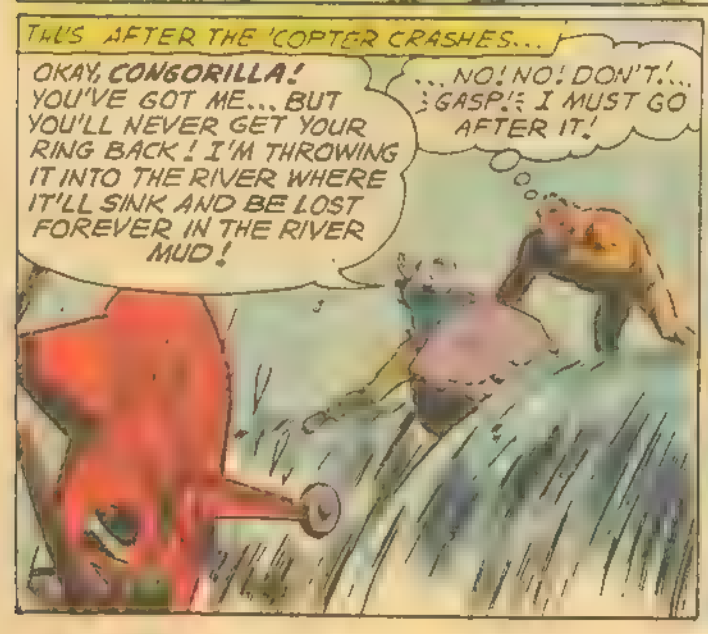

YIIIIIIII!
LOOKS LIKE KRULL'S MAGIC CARPET WORKS! AT ANY RATE, IT'S SURE SENDING HIM FLYING!

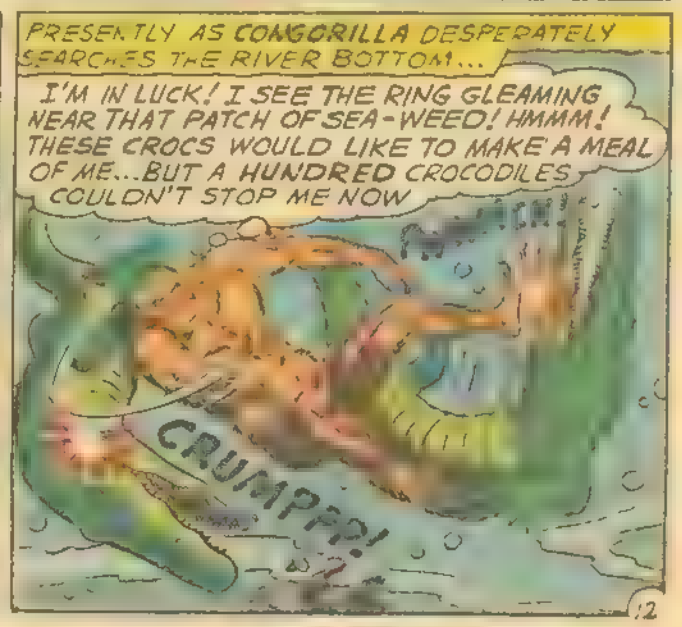

BUT OUTSIDE, AS CONGORILLA PURSUES THE COLLECTOR OF MAGIC...
HE'S GOING TO TAKE OFF IN HIS HELICOPTER! IF HE ESCAPES, I'LL NEVER GET MY RING BACK! I MUST STOP HIM! I MUST!
MAYBE THAT APE HAS BRAINS, BUT HE HASN'T GOT WINGS! NOT EVEN ICARUS' WINGS! HE'LL NEVER OVERTAKE ME ONCE I'M ALOFT!

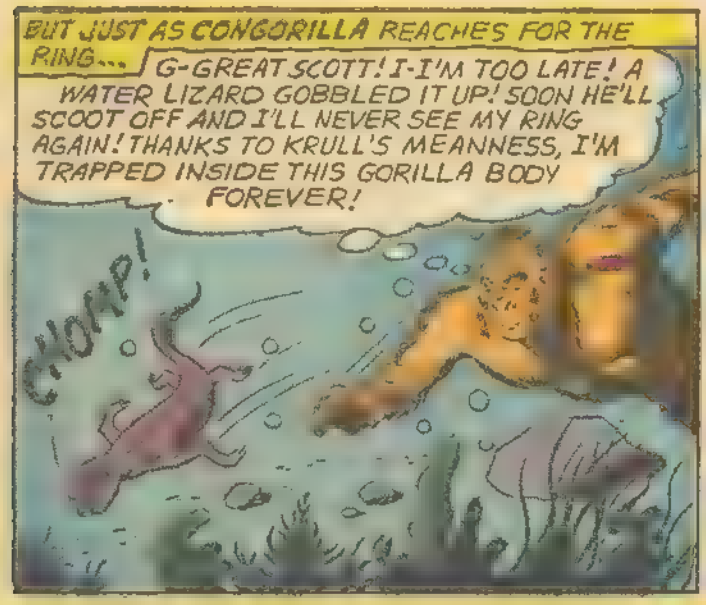

HOWEVER, AS THE 'COPTER RISES...
HAS THAT APE GONE MAD? HE'S PULLING TWO TREES DOWN TO THE GROUND!
IF I TIME THIS RIGHT, I'LL REACH THE 'COPTER'S LANDING GEAR AS IT PASSES OVER THE CATARACT!

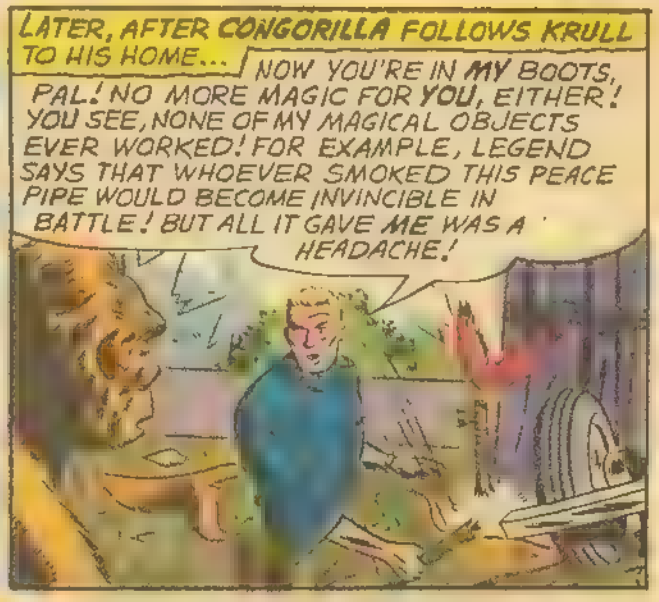

THEN...
GASP! HE'S CATAPULTED HIMSELF THROUGH THE AIR! HE'S MOVING AT A SPEED FASTER THAN I AM!
NOW TO GRAB HOLD OF THE LANDING GEAR AND DRAG THE 'COPTER DOWN WITH MY TREMENDOUS WEIGHT!
WHOOOSH!

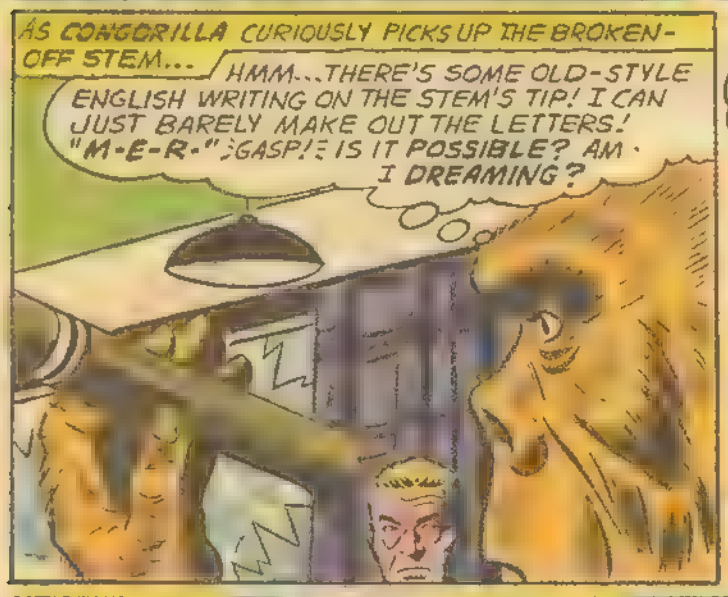

SECONDS LATER...
H-HE'S PULLING THE PLANE DOWN! HE FIGURES I'LL BE HELPLESS ONCE I'M IN THE WATER! BUT I'LL SHOW HIM! IF I CAN'T HAVE HIS MAGIC RING, NEITHER WILL HE!

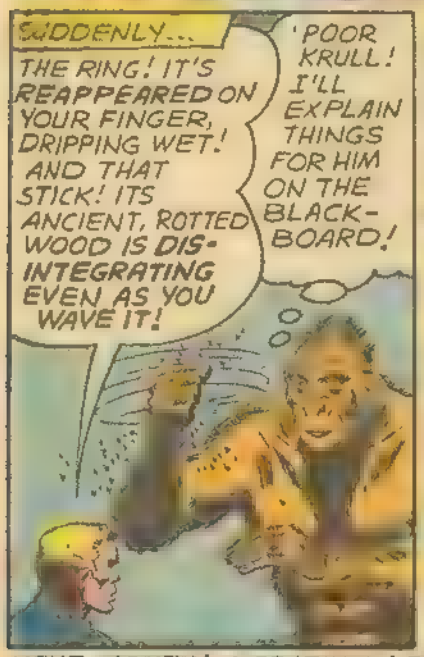

THUS AFTER THE 'COPTER CRASHES...
OKAY, CONGORILLA! YOU'VE GOT ME... BUT YOU'LL NEVER GET YOUR RING BACK! I'M THROWING IT INTO THE RIVER WHERE IT'LL SINK AND BE LOST FOREVER IN THE RIVER MUD!
...NO! NO! DON'T!... GASP! I MUST GO AFTER IT!

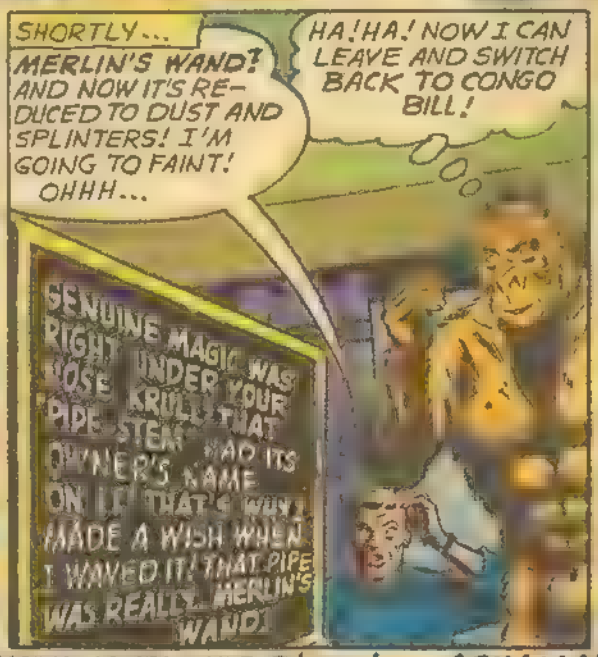

PRESENTLY AS CONGORILLA DESPERATELY SEARCHES THE RIVER BOTTOM...
I'M IN LUCK! I SEE THE RING GLEAMING NEAR THAT PATCH OF SEA-WEED! HMMM! THESE CROCS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MEAL OF ME... BUT A HUNDRED CROCODILES COULDN'T STOP ME NOW
CRUMPPP!

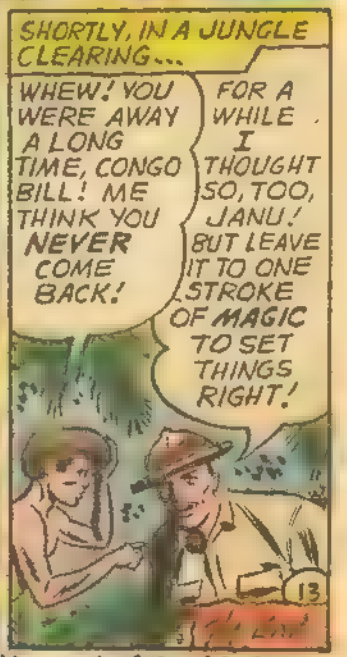












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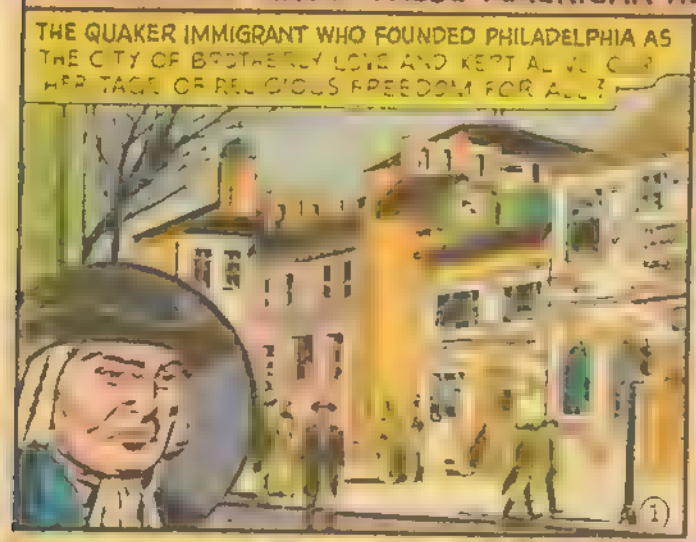

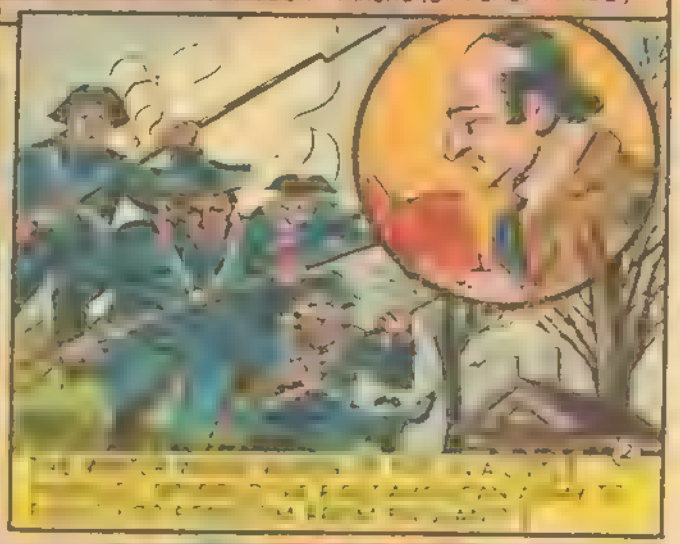

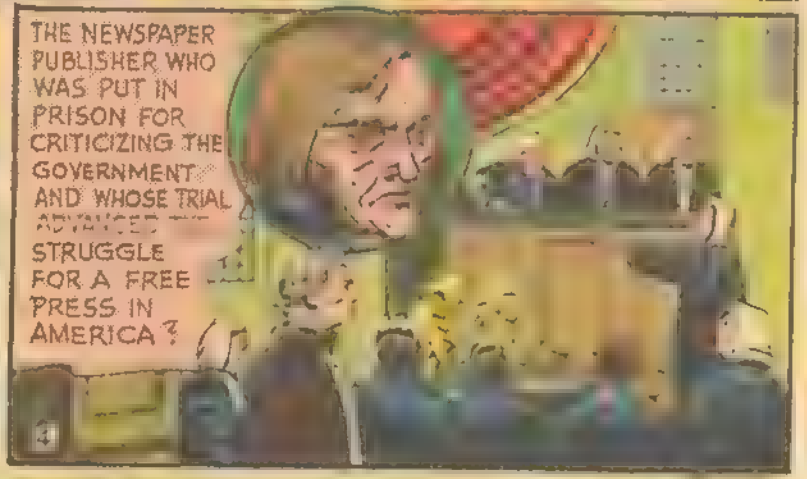

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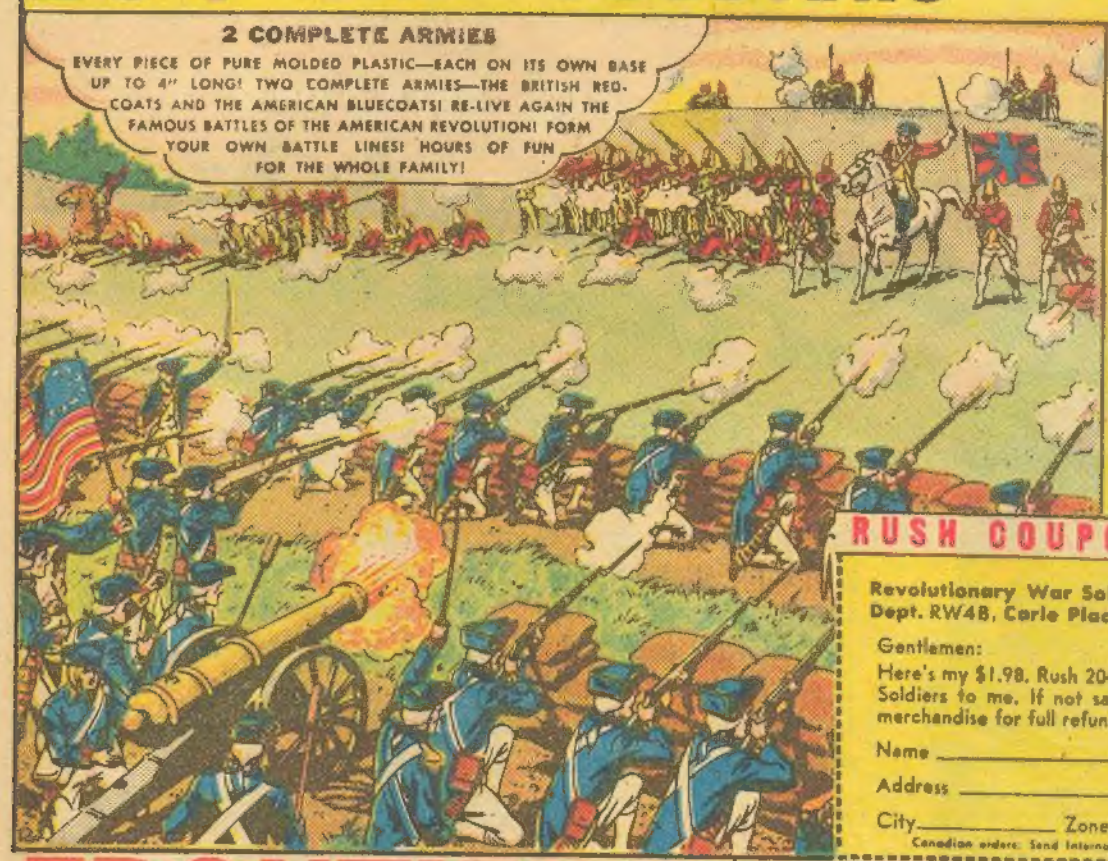

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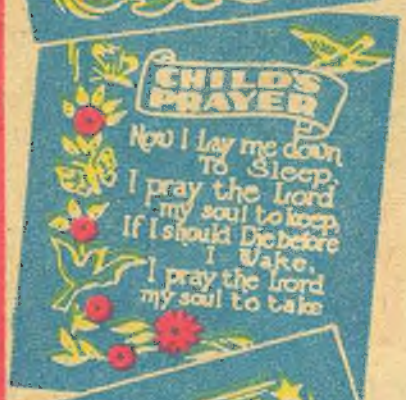

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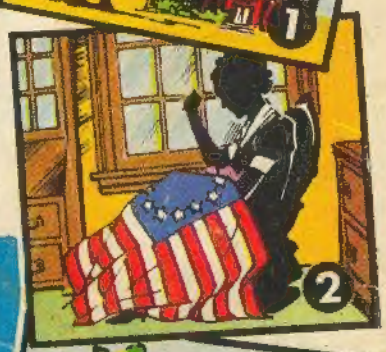

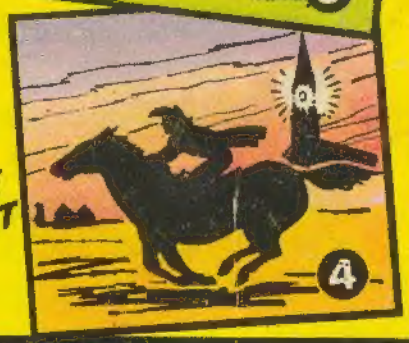

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